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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1686, September 12-18, 2013

Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[confirmed on webcast]
Thu 2101	WTWW	9479	[confirmed]
Fri 0326v	WWRB	5050	[confirmed at 0329 on webcast]
Sat 0200v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB	Area 51 [confirmed at 0207 on webcast]
Sat 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio [not suspended?]
Sat 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio [not suspended?]
Sat 1500	WRMI	9955	[confirmed on webcast]
Sat 2330	WTWW	9930	[confirmed]
Sun 0401	WTWW	5830	
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955	
Wed 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio [not suspended?]
Wed 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio [not suspended?]
Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[or maybe 1687 if ready in time]

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** AFGHANISTAN [non]. CLANDESTINE, 11755, R. Sadaye Zindagi via Armenia, Sep 10 *1459-1513, 33433-35433 Dari, 1459 sign on with IS, ID, Opening announce, 1501 Flute and ID, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is axually a FEBA service, so religious and not politically clandestine; Aoki: ``11755 FEBA RADIO (R.Sadaye Zindagi) 1500-1530 1234567 Dari 300 100 Yerevan-Gavar ARM 4025N 04511E FEBA a13 BAB`` (gh, DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. 12130, 09/09 1234 UT. Vía Iranawila. Hombre habla en idioma pastho de manera intercalada a otro, al parecer una entrevista o despacho noticioso. Señal fuerte con poquísimo QRN y SINPO: 54454 // 15360 no se escucha; Vía Udon Thani en 15320 con SINPO: 22222. 73 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 20 metros con balun 9:1. QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD) Es: Mashaal Radio

** ALBANIA. QSL: Radio Tirana, 7465, QSL-card in 6 weeks for report

via Radio Tirana H^rerclub (Kurt Enders, Bickenbach, Germany, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** ALGERIA. Jil FM --- Yet another interesting radio station but in this case is in medium waves. This station has some special music characteristics that make them not only interesting but also special .

As it is located in Algeria, aimed at younger people, it mixes several distinctive music styles (as of start of 13 though I think they continue to use the same scheme now)

- the local Berber music of the local tribe. This music highly reminds me of the music from Horn of Africa!

- Arabic, mostly pop, possibly the national music

- French, as they are under French influence

- Western, as most stations do for international music

So this makes them with a rather complex music style

The station transmits on the frequency of 531 kHz east beam and 548 west beam and is part of the national radio network of Algeria. In Thessaloniki it can be heard from late local night times (i.e. 9 pm) to ca 6 am in the morning local times (-3 for UT) provided propagation conditions are good. With the help of external antenna or AM loops this can be extended to about 1 hour. Main signal levels are S9 to S9+20 making one of the strongest stations in the lower MW band.

548 kHz can be heard in the clear on local mornings (03 UT) with nearly same signal as 531 kHz (about S7 as for 3/9/13)

Little internet research yielded the news that this station uses the program Radio-Assist from NETIA (a Globecast company) for automated music scheduling (news on May 13 for the program upgrade)

Here is a link for listening Jil Fm via Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/jilfm/app_190322544333196

and

<http://www.radioalgerie.dz/live/tab-chJil.html>

http://delicious.com/gr_greek1/zak (all my pages)

(Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, Sept 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AMSTERDAM ISLAND. FT5ZM Press Release - September 10, 2013

By Ralph Fedor, K0IR

The Amsterdam Island DXpedition team's progress continues unabated. Essentially all the team's equipment is now in hand and at the Atlanta staging area or undergoing final testing in preparation for shipment to Atlanta. Gear will soon be sorted into contents bound for the Mataf operating location and the Antonelli operating location. See our

website page:

<http://www.amsterdamdxdx.org/ft5zm-operating-sites/>

There will be no guess work about what piece of equipment goes to which site when we land. Efficiency means more time on the air and more QSO's. Bob, N200, has been working on our maritime mobile operation to provide QSO's with some rare grids between Australia and Amsterdam Island. Arnie, N6HC, is our team doctor and has finalized his medical resources. Jerry, WB9Z, has been hard at work with his team cutting radials and coax, thousands of feet of each, but the job is now done.

Bob, K4UEE, our chief financial officer has been watching our income and expenses and trying to be as frugal as possible without compromising our ability to generate lots of QSO's. Craig, K9CT, has been putting our K3's and bandpass filters through extensive testing and has worked with Neil, VA7DX; Gregg, W6IZT; and George, N4GRN, on our network and logging protocol. Erling, LA6VM, and Andy, UA3AB, have been working hard to inform Europeans of our progress and peak [sic] their interest, while VE7CT beats the drum in Canada. Michel, FM5CD, has worked closely with the French authorities, answering their questions and Nodir, EY8MM, has focused on our low band capabilities. Jorge, HK1R, has worked hard to generate interest in South America.

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(ICPO mailing list Sept 10 via editor Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Going to all that trouble and not even a thought about also putting a broadcast station on the air there! Location? How many have any idea where Amsterdam I is? It's not even in the index of the seemingly extensive Great World Atlas by Reader's Digest nor in the pared-down Wide World Atlas by same. Nor in the Bartholomew by R. D.

Finally it's in my heaviest/biggest atlas, The International, by Rand McNally, so remote it only shows on a 2-page spread of both the Pacific and Indian Oceans: about halfway between South Africa and Australia at 38 south, same latitude as Melbourne and further south than any place in Africa (yet still temperate), and 77 east, which is close to due south from the tip of India and Sri Lanka. Yes, I know I could have just googled or looked at their website, but it's fun to page thru my atlas collextion with any excuse to do so. WHEN? Not until January 2014. This page has more about the island:

<http://www.amsterdamdxdx.org/amsterdam-st-paul-islands/>

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA [non]. 11775, Sept 5 at 1235 and 1322 chex, no Caribbean

Beacon, just Chinese jamming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

23550, University Network; 1503, 5-Sep; Checked to see if the 2 x 11775 harmonic was there, and zilch. Reason: missing on 11775. BUT found Dead Dr. Gene pontificating on 13845 WWCR(presumed). (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. See UNIDENTIFIED 15476

** ARGENTINA. 15344.8, RAE, 04/09 1845 UT. Programa en idioma ingl  s con ID del programa y noticias sobre Colombia. Se  al con poco ruido y SINPO: 55555 con un poco de baja modulaci  n (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 15 metros. QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Regi  n, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

15345, 09/09 1252 UT. Programa iSiempre Argentina, Conexi  n en Portugu  s   con informaci  n de artistas y su influencia a nivel latinoamericano. Se  al con SINPO: 55555. 73 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 20 metros con balun 9:1. QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Regi  n, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** ARMENIA. 4810, V. of Armenia, Aug 23 1855-1910, 35333, Arabic, Music, IS from 1900, National anthem, Opening music, ID and opening announce, News (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 4835, VL8A Alice Springs NT, 1227, Sept 6. Post game coverage of the Hawthorn vs. Sydney game (match was not carried via RA). Sept 7 at 1231 with election coverage; // RA on 6080, 6140, 6150, 9580 and 12065 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Et  n E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4910.000, ABC Northern Territory, Tennant Creek, now 24 hours here? Scheduled til 0830 UT only, then QSY 2325 kHz. At 1105 UT Sept 9. S=9+30dB in Brisbane AUSTRALIA [remote receiver] vy73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I also heard ABC on 4910 at 1100 and 1209; // 4835 // 2485 and of course nothing heard from Tennant Creek on 2325. An error in switching frequencies? We should check 4910 tomorrow to find out if this was a one day event. Thanks (Ron Howard, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4910, VL8T - Tennant Creek NT running well past their normal sign off time; Sept 9 at 1100 and 1209; // 4835 // 2485 and of course nothing

heard from Tennant Creek on 2325; also Sept 10 at 1058 with
iGrandstand sports promo (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach,
CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

910, Sept 10 at 1144, Ozzie talk with poor signal, VL8T, seems same as
4835 VL8A which is still underneath WWCR splash. At 1202, 4835 in the
clear and indeed same as 4910 with talk. 4910 has a ute below
frequency but not too close.

So we have another NT station staying on its day frequency at nite,
like 4835 has done for years now. Yesterday I had inconclusively
noticed no signal on 2325, but not one on 4910, while Wolfgang B,schel
and Ron Howard were already reporting VL8T on 4910 after previous
0830*.

4910, Sept 11 at 1130, VL8T, Tennant Creek NT is still here for the
third night on the day frequency ex-2325. Wonder if the same excuse
for VL8A staying on 4835, automation failure and unwilling to have
human operator handle switch twice daily? Or is 60m really better than
120m for shower coverage as spring approaches?

That leaves only VL8K on 120m, 2485, often blocked by ute here; very
poor but in the clear Sept 11 at 1146 with music (Glenn Hauser, OK,
WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ABC Northern Territory in English was observed on Sep. 11: from 0830
on 4910, instead of 2325. Using a remote receiver in Sydney.

Full SW schedule of ABC Northern Territory is:

0830-2130 on 2325 TEN 050 kW / non-dir to AUS

0830-2130 on 2485 KTH 050 kW / non-dir to AUS

0830-2130 on 4835 ALI 050 kW / non-dir to AUS

2130-0830 on 4835 ALI 050 kW / non-dir to AUS

2130-0830 on 4910 TEN 050 kW / non-dir to AUS

2130-0830 on 5025 KTH 050 kW / non-dir to AUS

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D,
30 m. long wire, Sept 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

? You mean the full schedule *was* (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 9580, Sept 7 at 1250, RA with an ``after-party``
following elections changing the government yet again; Kevin Rudd of
Labour is out and Tony Abbott is in; RA refers to ``the coalition``
winning, of what? This CNN story
<http://www.cnn.com/2013/09/07/world/asia/australia-election/>
refers to Abbott as a conservative (small c) and also as leader of the
Liberal party.

Steve Luce, Houston TX, says, ``I suspect the change of government in
Australia is bad news for the future of Radio Australia on SW. Tony

Abbott has promised significant overall government budget cuts, including foreign aid. Any insight from our Australian friends on DXLDYG would be appreciated`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Steve, I haven't heard a word during the election campaigning about possible cuts to the ABC/RA, well not that I can recall anyway. Typically the Liberal Party is more right wing & Labor more Left wing, with as a general statement typically staff within the ABC people more left wing orientated along with programming. I'd hate to imagine further cuts to the ABC. That said, I'm well & truly over politics & all the electioneering - it's been relentless the past 12 months. Very fatiguing. Cheers (Ian Baxter, NSW, Sept 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Whaddaya mean "changing government yet again"? It's the first change since Labour was elected in 2007, and re-elected in 2010. I suspect you're referring to the change in Prime Ministers from Rudd to Gillard and back to Rudd during the terms of the Labour Government. The "coalition" refers to the Liberal and National Parties which run as a combined slate rather than separately. TD (Theo Donnelly, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Exactly (gh)

Re Australian political parties, the opposition that was voted into power is the Liberal/National party grouping. The Liberal Party in Oz is like the Conservative Party in the UK, the much smaller National Party much further to the right. Labor (which was voted out of power) is the party at the liberal end of the political end of the spectrum (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Wash., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx, now it makes perfect sense! (gh)

** AUSTRIA [and non]. Summer A13 schedule of Trans World Radio Europe:
0545-0600 on 5910 MOS 100 kW / 030 deg to WeEu Polish Mon-Fri
0545-0600 on 7225 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu Polish Mon-Fri
0700-0750 on 6105 NAU 100 kW / 285 deg to NoEu English
0700-0750 on 7400 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to NoEu English
0830-0900 on 7215 NAU 100 kW / 135 deg to WeEu Hungarian
1400-1430 on 7215 NAU 100 kW / 065 deg to EaEu Belarussian Mon
1400-1430 on 9725 MOS 100 kW / 055 deg to EaEu Belarussian Mon
1400-1430 on 7215 NAU 100 kW / 065 deg to EaEu Russian Tue-Fri
1400-1430 on 9725 MOS 100 kW / 055 deg to EaEu Russian Tue-Fri
(Ivo Ivanov, DX Re Mix News 798, Sept 11 via DXLD)

** AZERBAIJAN. Sabato 31 agosto 2013, 1518 - 9677.5, Portante muta (Blank carrier). SF/BN (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, 5 Sept, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BAHAMAS. 810, ZNS3 Freeport, Grand Bahama, JUL 23, 0356 -

Orchestral Bahamian national anthem, into lively reggae singing ID, "Yeah! ...ah ZNS-1, ah ZNS-1, ah ZNS-1 that's all I ever want, ah ZNS-1, ah ZNS-1, ah ZNS-1 and that's what I want to be ...ah ZNS-1, ah ZNS-1, ah ZNS-1, and I am proud that I am, ah ZNS-1, ah ZNS-1, ah ZNS-1," then talk by male announcer about a movie episode being shot in Nassau. Good on top of Spanish jumble (Brett Saylor, Duck NC; Perseus SDR, corner-fed 16 x 36-ft terminated SuperLoop with a Wellbrook FLG-100 amp, NRC IDXD Sept 6 via DXLD) Did you get any ID? (hi, gh, DXLD)

** BAHRAIN. BAHREIN, Seems is the next station which left SW? After closing in March on 6010 kHz, Bahrein is not on the air according to monitored different times at night on 23-31 August on 9745 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Sept 9, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 11 via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. 15105, Bangladesh Betar, Aug 28 *1229-1240, 34443, English, 1229 sign on with IS, ID, Opening music, ID and opening announce, News (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, Sept 7 at 1359 no signal from Bangladesh Betar, so no propagation? Poor signal cuts on late at *1359:21 with carrier, 1359:36 IS starts but cut off before even one play for off-timesignal ending at 1359:53, opening Urdu.

15505, Sept 8 at 1359, Bangladesh Betar is JBA with IS, timesignal ending at 1359:51.

15505, Sept 9 at 1355 tune-in, BB carrier is already on; 1355.4 add tone; IS not start until 1359.3; timesignal ending at 1400:03, theme and opening Urdu; very poor (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15105, Bangladesh Betar, Sep 10 1238-1248, 34443, English, News and Bangladesh music, ID at 1238 and 1244.

15505, Bangladesh Betar, Sep 10 1415-1429*, 25332, Urdu, Talk and Bangladesh music, Closing announce at 1429, 1429 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, Sept 10 at 1359, BB IS poor with flutter, timesignal ending at 1359:47, opening Urdu. In case you are wondering, I am not really obsessed with this station but it's usually a convenient time when I am about to wrap up my morning monitoring, amused by the constant clock fluxuations in Dhaka.

15505, Sept 11 at 1358 BB IS is JBA, timesignal ends at 1359:49 (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. Glenn: This is a very tentative report, but because Belarus doesn't seem to be reported much these days, I thought I would pass this along. This afternoon from 2134 until 2140, I heard talk between a man and woman on 11730; there was a short vocal selection, but mostly this was conversation. I simply could not identify the language; there was just too much band noise. I admit that I finally tuned out at 2140. There was plainly something here; Aoki and published schedules indicate Belarus. Perhaps so -- I am going to continue to check this frequency at this time of day in hopes that I can get a reliable ID. 73 (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK, Sept 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1417 8 Sept: Radio Belarus in Belarusian on 11730 is a bit undermodulated, as always. Does anyone care about it? Local estrada music at the time I tuned in. SINPO: 55554 (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BENIN. 1566, Trans World Radio, Parakou - 0330-0500 UT 8/31/2013. First noticed at 0330 with a strong carrier and then into steady audio a few minutes later that lasted for over an hour. Clearest audio achieved by using LSB here. Very little fading with decent audio for the most part. English from 0330 to 0344. Flutes heard at 0344 immediately followed by YL in English "You are tuned to Trans World Radio and AM 1566, the following program - - -".

Presumed African language then from 0345 to 0355, religious hymn (in English I think) at 0355 during a big signal peak. Local sounding African vocals at 0400 TOH and back into OM African talk at 0401. Talk ending at 0424 and into more tribal-like YL vocals until 0426. Flute music preceding YL English ID again at 0427 and then into English programming and English Christian song leading into BOH. English religious preacher after 0430 until finally fading out around 0500 (Tim TROMP, Muskegon, MI, MARE Tipsheet Sept 6 via DXLD) Another version of his report in DXLD 13-36

1566, Trans-World Radio Africa, Benin (presumed); 0405-0431+, 31-Aug; M speaker in Afro language or Afro-accented French? 0424-0426 Afro vocal & back to M. 0427 flute music short into English announcements. 0428+ into conventional-sounding religious music and English religious program. Fair peaks. Sacre bleu! I discovered, after the fact that I had one of my shorter antennas switched in, so it was probably in better. Mainly best in LSB, but occasionally switched to USB depending on what was on 1550/1560. Report sent to 1566@TWR.org Tnx to tip from Tim Tromp (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my

receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4717-, Sept 6 at 0100, Andean(?) music on the unique frequency of R. Yatun Allyu Yura, Yura; still with song, poor but the best S. American signal at 0117 on 60m. On 49m, 6135-, R. Santa Cruz has a good strong signal, and 5952+, R. Pio Doce is not bad either.

[non]. 4717-, Sept 8 at 0055, no signal from Yura, presumed off (early on UT Sundays?). Two nights ago it was the best South American on band, and now there are numerous other weak carriers so propagation is working.

4717-, Sept 9 at 0058, Yura signal is missing for the second night, tho 60m South American carriers elsewhere are seldom enough to push any modulation northward.

4717-, Sept 10 at 0057, can detect carrier presumably Yura unlike last two nites; this time I am staying with the main FRG-7 inside but outside antenna (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA [and non]. 6135-, Sept 8 at 0058, the TADIL-A bonker is back, weakly QRMing R. Santa Cruz on its lo side. A stronger one still around 4865, which is where the 6135 one was thought to have moved (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also 4717 entry above

** BRAZIL [and non]. 4815, Sept 6 at 0101, Portuguese shouting about Bìblia, vs CODAR and must use USB to avoid the 4810 ute, i.e. ZYG640, R. Difusora Londrina.

5970, Sept 6 at 0056, Cuban pulse jamming has suddenly appeared here for no reason, quite bothering R. Itatiaia. See CUBA

11815, Sept 6 at 0058, R. Brasil Central with song, now just as strong as 11855 R. Aparecida with its new transmitter, and RBC modulation is better. REE DRM 11810-11815-11820 from CR either off tonight or closed early; still going centred on 9630.

11815, Sept 8 at 0550, songs fading up and down, very poor to fair peaks, 0554 announcement but can't tell if it's in Brazuguese. Anyhow presumed R. Brasil Central, while RNA is inbooming on 11780. Suspect RBC isn't always on this late; maybe extended for UT Sunday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11855, R·dio Aparecida ñ Aparecida, 0150-0158*, Sep 8. Man preaching in Portuguese language followed by some chanting and choir vocals with organ music but program terminated during music. Never returned. Listened previous night and was running past 0330 when I tuned out so suspect some problem this night. Poor to fair (Rich

D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Radio Cultura de São Paulo --- Ali's. A Cultura saiu do ar já faz anos. Não existem mais antenas ou transmissores. O transmissor de AM instalado aqui às margens da represa de Guarapiranga é de primeiríssimo mundo, automático, funciona impecavelmente, mas as OC não voltarão. abs (Denis Zoqbi, 6 Sept, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD) abs does not refer to thoracic muscles, but something one might use them for, abraços = hugs (gh, DXLD)

** BURMA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 11560, Dem. V. of Burma via Tajikistan, Sep 10 *1430-1437 35433 Burmese, 1430 sign on with opening music, ID, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMBODIA [non]. 13845, Sept 11 at 1228 I am again standing by for the unID Cambodian service heard Sunday Sept 8 QRMing WWCR, but not heard Tuesday Sept 10 (in which report I misstated the date it was heard as Sept 9, apparently not checked on that date). Nothing but Joyce Riley's 'Power Hower' at first, but 1229 stronger carrier comes on making SAH of about 7 Hz, 1230 R. Free Asia theme and English intro of Khmer. This continues past 1300 without a break, slightly past 1330, off before 1331 reclearing Riley, continuing a 9/11 conspiracy interview, what else? 'Black intelligence operations'. If she hears about this QRM, she may conclude that Obama is out to get her. But meanwhile, blasting in on // 7490 WWCR.

Today's Aoki shows nothing but 12140 for the 1230 RFA Cambodian broadcast, via Tinian. Must check that subsequently, in addition to or instead of 13845, and/or others? Behavior indicates this is another RFA service jumping frequencies depending on day of week, altho we have not heard of any attempts by Cambodia to jam it, despite touchy relations as far as FM relays inside the country.

Instead, Ivo Ivanov's DX Re Mix News today has this:
''Additional frequencies of Radio Free Asia in Khmer (Cambodian):
1230-1330 on 13845*IRA 250 kW / 073 deg to SEAs // 12140 SAI 100 kW/270 deg *co-channel WWCR-3 in English [IRA = SRI LANKA]
2230-2330 on 12140 IRA 250 kW / 073 deg to SEAs // 13740 SAI 100 kW/270 deg'' (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
[SAI = SAIPAN]

** CANADA. 1630, CHYW, Ottawa International Airport Aug 31 18.30 EDT -
- 2.5 minute loop tape in English then French. Mostly describing parking rates at the airport. \$2 for 15 minutes, \$19 for 24 hours, \$65

for a week. Very good reception (Jerry Coatsworth in Ottawa, car radio in a Ford Edge, MARE Tipsheet 6 Sept via DXLD)

Note how Canadian TIS have callsigns just like broadcasters, yet you won't find them listed along with broadcasters (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. 1060 CKMX Calgary AB --- mv-eko reports that CKMX will drop its country music format for comedy on 12/9. "Funny 10-60!" (Yuk BD.) There is a link to this switch.

<https://www.facebook.com/classiccountrysam1060?ref=stream>

Best wishes (Barry :-) Davies, Carlisle UK, MWCircle yg Sept 8 via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD) Old news for us, but a timely reminder (gh)

It seems that the listeners of Calgary don't like the change much either, judging by the posts on their facebook page. One has only to look at how long comedy lasted on 1200 to realise that this is likely to be a flop (Andrew Brade, ibid.) But makes IDs easier (gh)

** CANADA. 6070, CFRX Mississauga (Toronto) ON; 2213-2225+, 4-Sep; Live Drive with John Tory on News-Talk 10-10; "Gunfire has become a major factor in urban life." Time Saver Traffic at 2216 (backups everywhere). Ad for Ben Rijk Jewelry. SIO=3+54, a tad better than // 1010 CFRB. All in English (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. I'm not hearing CFRX --- Sounds like CFRX is off the air again. I know they had some transmitter issues earlier this summer, but they were logged in DXLD by Wolfgang Buschel as late as August 22nd. I've checked for them several times this week and haven't heard them, although North Korea is quite loud on 6070 around local sunrise (1130 UT). Does anyone know what happened to CFRX this time? (Tim in Luther, Iowa, Sept 10 at 6:21 PM, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No signal noted here. I can normally hear them almost 24 hours a day. (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass., 1628 UT Sept 10, ibid.)

Thursday Sept. 5th I heard CFRX in the morning; then early that afternoon they went off the air. Guess they have another problem (Peter Hansen, ibid., WORLD OF RADIO 1686)

Nothing on 6070 kHz, empty channel at 2055 UT Sept 10. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B, schel, Germany presumably on remote receiver, ibid.)

6070, Sept 11 at 0100, no signal from CFRX, nor for the past few days as others have also noted. What's wrong now? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6160, Sept 5 at 1213, very poor signal with occasional English audible, weaker than music on 6165 from presumed CNR6 if not Vietnam or Myanmar. So 6160 must be CKZU Vancouver, maybe still in CBC Overnight service after 5 am local. Their signal is really ailing and we look forward to the new transmitter (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CKZN and CKZU 6160 both on at 02h59 --- Calibrating my Perseus SDR, and note both CKZN and CKZU heard with CBC IDs about 1 second apart (identical), so one is from CKZN (weakly and on 6159.965) while CKZU is still strongly heard on 6159.977. Not visible on the secondary screen on Perseus, but easily visible when using the zoom function on the main waterfall (Walt Salmaniwi, Victoria, BC, UT Sept 6 dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST) = only 12 Hz apart; varies

** CHINA. 7102 and 7164, Chinese OTH radars with 43.5 sps (30 kHz wide) heard via Japan and USA west-coast this afternoon. 73 de (Wolf, DK2OM, IARU Intruder Alert Sept 6 via BC-DX Sept 11 via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. Sabato 31 agosto 2013, 1235 - 11555 FIREDRAKE+CNR 1 JAMMER to??? SF/IN (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, 5 Sept, playdx yg via DXLD) Unknown target

CHINESE FIREDRAKE JAMMER 04/09:

1133 UT en 11640 con SINPO: 54444 contra RTI en Chino.
(Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 15 metros. QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

CNR-1 JAMMER 04/09:

1134 UT, 11915, SINPO: 33322 contra RTI en Chino. Ambas señales con fading.

1200 UT, 15250, SINPO: 54444 contra VOA en Chino. Hay que notar que el CNR-1 jammer se repite con 3 segundos, por lo tanto se escucha una repetición continua sobre la misma frecuencia.

1205 UT, 11825, SINPO: 44444 contra VOA en Chino, con el mismo sistema que en la frecuencia anterior.

1208 UT, 11785, SINPO: 54454 contra VOA en Chino, con el mismo sistema
(Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 15 metros. QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Firedrake [non] CNR1 jamming Sept 5 before 1300: Found first on 15940 at 1226, I decide to use that to // all other possible CNR1 channels heard, whether jammers or not:

17170, poor at 1229, none in the 18s, 16s

15610, very poor at 1226 mixing with WEWN, also het on lo side

15250, poor at 1227 with usual tone too

14750, very poor at 1230

14700, poor at 1230
13830, poor at 1231
13605, very poor at 1231 mixing with algo; none in the 12s
11825, very good over CCI at 1235
11785, good over CCI at 1235
11775, very poor at 1235, no Anguilla
11640, good at 1234 with CCI
11605, fair at 1234 under CCI
11555, poor at 1234 aside 11550 WEWN splash
9680, fair at 1239 in mixture with RRI, RTI
9500, fair at 1239 in clear
7470, fair at 1242 mixed with music, maybe real Firedrake?
7445, poor at 1242 mixed with Chinese CCI
7385, very good at 1243 over CCI
7365, poor at 1244 with weak CCI; echo apart from 15940
7345, fair at 1245, synch with 15940
7305, poor at 1245 by itself
7280, good at 1245 with CCI
6180, poor at 1247
6175, very poor at 1247
6135, fair at 1247 with CCI
6125, very poor at 1247 alone
6110, fair at 1248 with CCI

Things change from hour to hour. At 1331 I notice:

15195, with CNR1 jammer poor signal, and noise jamming added
15115, CNR1 is very good with no noise, about equal level to jammer
Those who really care may look up in Aoki the targets of all these.

Firedrake Sept 6 after 1400:

12040, fair at 1417 mixing with CNR1 jamming

All the rest are CNR1 only, before and after 1400:

12500, poor at 1338
13530, very poor at 1337 with CODAR QRM
14980, poor with flutter at 1336
15115, good at 1338 with CCI
15265, poor at 1338 with het
15550, very poor at 1340 with het on low side
15565, very poor at 1340
15800, poor at 1347; none in the 16s, 17s, 18s
15970, very poor at 1422

Firedrake [non], CNR1 jamming Sept 7 before 1330:

15565, very poor at 1324
15900, poor at 1323; none in the 12s, 13s, 14s
17080, poor at 1328; none in the 16s, 18s
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But see TIBET [non]!

Firedrake and CNR1 on both 6030 and 7470 on Sept 7 at 1343 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtŮn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake, 21695 Location?? Sep 8, 2013 Sunday. 0905-0918. Typical nonstop Firedrake music. Fair. Faint and unreadable talk in the background, presumably VOA via Tinang putting out an objectionable message. Jo'burg sunrise 0413 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Sept 8 before 1300:

11555, fair at 1237 but mixed with CNR1 jamming; no WEWN 11550 to bother. Rest are CNR1 only:

15970, very poor at 1356

16160, fair at 1358; none in the 17s, 14s, 13s, 12s

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13675,  Firedrake  (jammer). 1536 September 8, 2013. Nice though somewhat fluttery signal. Presumably targeting Radio Free Asia via Dushanbe-Yangiyul [TAJIKISTAN] or wherever it is from these days (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; JPS NF-60 Notch Filter; JPS ANC-4 Noise Phase; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CNR-1 signals on 31 meters band at 2341 Sept 8:

9455 kHz. SINPO: 55555, from Lingshi transmitter site.

9805 kHz. SINPO: 54554, from Nanning transmitter site.

9815 kHz. SINPO: 53544, probably against Radio Free Asia in Tibetan which lasts only until 2315. The Chinese nation is a rich one and one more transmitter on the air is not a problem.

9875 kHz. SINPO: 54554, against Radio Free Asia in Tibetan from a 250kW unit in Dushanbe-Orzu (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake [non] CNR1 jamming Sept 9 before 1300:

13480, very poor at 1259-1300* with timesignal

16100, poor at 1257

16450, fair with flutter at 1257, first one noted, unusual channel

17080, poor at 1258

17170, very good with flutter at 1258; none in the 18s, hi 15s, 14s; ran out of time before 1300 to check the 12s.

Firedrake [non] CNR1 jamming Sept 9 before 1400:

13830, very poor with flutter at 1348; none in the 12s, 14s

15115, good at 1352 with usual almost equal CCI; none 16s, 17s, 18s

15195, very poor at 1352 also with noise jamming
15540, fair at 1351, het on hi side (a bit earlier at 1343 I was getting a distorted spur/mix from local KCRC-1390 on 15540, unknown formula)
15570, fair with het on lo side at 1351
See also TIBET [non]

Firedrake or [non] CNR1 jamming, Sept 11 before 1400: none found 12-18 MHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Do you have an audio file of the Firedrake? Thanks (Ernie Rice, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The whole Firedrake hour+ in local quality is available here:
<https://soundcloud.com/mediaexplorer/sets/firedrake-keeps-us-safe>
(Glenn to Ernie, via DXLD)

Does Firedrake have set frequencies? Where should I listen (Ernie Rice, ibid.)

Ernie, Firedrake used to be on as many as a dozen frequencies at once in our mornings; never exactly the same set from one day to another but many of them repeating. Mostly far outside the SW broadcast bands. It all depends on where Sound of Hope, the jamming target, chooses to transmit. A few months ago most of them were replaced with CNR1 programming as the jammer audio, but FD shows up here and there. See my almost daily log reports under China. Lately I have heard FD on 12040 but it was mixing with CNR1 from another transmitter. For some weeks, 13795 was a reliable place, also mixing, but I have not heard that lately. I am referring to the period I monitor most, 12-14 UT. Any other logs I pick up are included in DX Listening Digest.

Harold Frodge periodically would compile all the FD frequencies reported in recent months, but seems to have stopped now that most of them have converted to CNR1. But it still is serving exactly the same purpose, just less fun to listen to and harder to discern from legit broadcasts (Glenn to Ernie, via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non-log]. 5050, Beibu Bay Radio (BBR), 1400, Sept 6. Time pips; iThe time now is 10PM, Beibu Bay Radioî; sound of cuckoo; unusual for them not to give the normal multi-language IDs. When did they drop these IDs or do they give them at BoH now? BTW ñ have never encountered here anything resembling jamming by Vietnam of BBRís Vietnamese language programming; cannot comment about // 9820, as I rarely listen there, as 5050 reception is so much better for me (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5050, Beibu Bay R., Sep 10 1354-1401, 45433-45444, Vietnamese, Talk, ID at 1400 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6010, CNR-11 07/09 2245 UT. Mujer canta en idioma tibetano sin interrupciones y con ID de la emisora. Señal con poco QRN y SINPO: 54444 // 7360 con SINPO: 54454 y 9480 con SINPO: 33333. 73 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 20 metros con balun 9:1, QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Baoji-Sifangshan 724 site per Aoki. So Brasil, Colombia, Mexico or even Chile could not do better than degrade 6010 to I=4? (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA. 6065, CNR-2/China Business Radio, 1220-1240, Sept 8. Comedy / variety iHaiyang live showi in Chinese; program IDs in English; iladies and gentlemen - Haiyang live showi. Audio posted at <https://app.box.com/s/ujlw0n3n5dhua0zeudv8> (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6140, CRI 07/09 2335 UT. Anuncio en cantonÈs, e incio de un programa con m'sica cl'sica de los grandes maestros europeos y m'sica del perìodo imperial chino de manera intercalada con SINPO: 54454 // 7325 con SINPO: 54444; 9460 con SINPO: 43343; no se escuchan 11945, ni 15100. 73 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 20 metros con balun 9:1, QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. 7325, CRI was off the air on Sept 6 and 7, when checking after 1300; leaving a totally free frequency; no trace of any Wantok Radio Light; Aoki shows CRI off the air from 1300 to 1357, with WRL being off the air (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 7360, CNR 11, 04/09 2333 UT. Mujer y hombre hablan en idioma tibetano, presentando m'sica con SINPO: 44444 // 6010 con SINPO: 43343 y 9480 con SINPO: 33333 con QRM de WTWW en 9479 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 15 metros. QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. 9410, Sept 5 at 1240, CNR5 is the noise-maker today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9410, ëBlob Ze Dongi (jammer). 1112 September 8, 2013. Thanks David Crawford tip, good with traces of something underneath. Presumed Fu Hsing Broadcasting Station, Taiwan the target (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-

180A; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; JPS NF-60 Notch Filter; JPS ANC-4 Noise Phase; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Or out of whack. As previously discussed here, Ron Howard feels this one is not a deliberate jammer (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CHINA. 9600, Sept 10 at 1242, as I tune across CRI English, poor via Kunming, they are bragging about broadcasting in more languages than anybody, 61 [except of course, gospel huxters]; and reminiscing about how, from original Radio Peking studios in a cave, they had to wield flashlights to ward off the wolves --- wow, what other station could claim such a lupine rural legend?? See also TIBET [non] (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 11635 CRI. 04/09 1153 UT. Hombre habla sobre la programación de esperanto, y de avisos de la página web de la emisora. La señal es un poco fuerte frente al CCCCCCI, ejercido por el Chinese Firedrake Jammer en contra de RTI en chino, en la frecuencia de 11640 // 15110 con banda cerrada (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 15 metros. QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Claudio has prudently picked up on our style and terminology, but six C's mean Chinese language, ChiCom, Co-channel - interference, not necessarily in that order. But if it's Firedrake, it's all-music so remove two of those CCs. Or if there is speech, it's not Firedrake but CNR1 jamming (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CHINA [non]. 15120, CRI. 09/09 0013 UT. Vía La Habana. Programa iCafé y tÊi, en dÛnde se habla sobre el aumento del consumo del Café en China y de la vida de las cafeterías en China. Señal con buzz de fondo con SINPO: 55455 y en los 5990 con SINPO: 43333 // Vía Kashi-Saibagh 2022 en 9590 con SINPO: 54444 y 9800 con SINPO: 54454. 73 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 20 metros con balun 9:1. QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. 15600, Sept 5 at 1318, slow Chinese, poor signal, but not // 15940 and all the CNR1 jammers. Aoki shows it's really the CRI Malaysian service at 1230-1327 via Kunming, so must be a language lesson (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. September 7, 2013 === To further demonstrate the profundity of Chinese culture and deepen the overseas audience's understanding of the country's national culture, from August 28 to November 15, China Radio International will hold the "Experience China" global

competition, revolving around the theme of northwest China. Listeners who submitted the 10 best projects will be invited to visit China by the end of 2013.

<http://english.cri.cn/08travel/events/experience/index.htm>

(Jonathan Short blog [see INDONESIA], via gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD) Just don't call it East Turkistan, win a trip (gh)

** CHINA [non?]. PSYOP NEWS: A CHINESE COMMANDO SOLO

<http://thediplomat.com/china-power/china-prepares-for-psychological-warfare/>

The Diplomat, 14 Aug 2013, Aaron Jensen: "The recent unveiling of China's new PSYOP (Psychological Operations) aircraft, the Gaoxin-7(????), marks an important step forward for People's Liberation Army's (PLA) psychological warfare capabilities. Based on a Y-8 airframe (similar to the U.S. Military's C-130), the Gaoxin-7's primary mission is to conduct PSYOP missions against enemy forces. Although specific details are few and far between, People's Republic of China (PRC) media has compared the Gaoxin-7 to the U.S. Air Force's (USAF) EC-130J 'Commando Solo' in terms of its mission and capability. The EC-130J Commando Solo is essentially a flying broadcast station which can transmit media in AM, FM, HF, TV and military communication frequencies to enemy positions." (kimandreweliott.com 10 Sep via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. LLEGA A TODELAR EL JUICIO DE LA RADIO

SUCESIÓN --- Comenzó en Cali uno de los juicios más esperados de la radio en Colombia y que sacudiría el tablero de esa industria.

Todelar fue creada hace 60 años por Bernardo Tobón de la Roche (foto) y su hermano Jaime, ambos fallecidos. Hoy las dos familias de Bernardo, quien murió en 2011, se pelean la propiedad de 32 estaciones en 9 ciudades. [caption]

Este año es particular para la familia Tobón, la dueña de uno de los imperios radiales más apetecidos del país. Por un lado, su red de emisoras, Todelar, cumple 60 años al aire. Los hermanos Bernardo y Jaime Tobón de la Roche pusieron la primera piedra del emporio en 1953 en Cali. Y por el otro lado, un tribunal de esa ciudad acaba de confirmar la apertura del juicio de sucesión por el control de esa cadena. Desde ya se convierte en uno de los litigios más cuantiosos en la historia de la radiodifusión del país.

Los hermanos Tobón de la Roche (Todelar es el acrónimo de sus apellidos) murieron en 2011, Bernardo, y en 2009, Jaime, y tras el pleito legal que se inicia se espera saber quiénes son los herederos de las 32 estaciones radiales en nueve capitales (seis en FM y 26 en AM).

La importancia de ese pleito radica en que una vez se aclare su

propiedad, las emisoras de Todelar se convirtieron en el botín máspreciado en la guerra del dial que se ha desatado entre los grupos económicos más poderosos del país. Con toda razón, Hernán Peláez, director de La Luciernaga, dice que quien gane el pleito tendrá la oportunidad de hacer mucho billete con los Sarmiento o los Santo Domingo.

Los grandes cacahos han armado su propio portafolio de medios. Y tal vez lo que más difícil les ha quedado es acceder a la radio porque tienen que comprar o arrendar una cadena ya existente debido a que no se están concediendo nuevas licencias. El Grupo Santo Domingo puso al aire hace un año la cadena Blu y tuvo dificultades para conseguir emisoras, pues cerca del 80 por ciento de ellas son de Caracol y RCN.

El banquero Luis Carlos Sarmiento también quiere incursionar en las ondas sonoras y se ha dicho que ya ha hecho una oferta de compra a Todelar.

Por eso, cuando el juez de Cali dió su fallo, se sacudió el tablero del negocio de la radio. Para entender el pleito se debe tener en cuenta que hay dos familias herederas en la puja. Un bando son los Tobo Martínez, hijos del primer matrimonio de Bernardo Tobo, con quienes él rompió relaciones hasta su muerte (Bernardo Jr., Mercedes y los hijos de Germán, fallecido). Y en el otro bando son los Tobo Kaim, hijos de su segundo matrimonio. Estos últimos (Carlos Arturo, María Clara y Olga) manejan y controlan Todelar, aunque viven fuera del país.

Fuentes cercanas a la familia Tobo Kaim explicaron a esta revista que ellos están tranquilos porque la parte de la herencia de los Tobo Martínez se arregló hace varios años cuando don Bernardo estaba vivo. Mientras que del otro lado, Bernardo Jr. aseguró que esa transacción de la que hablan los Kaim, nunca se cumplió. Y añadió: «Además, mi mamá fue socia fundadora y aportó 1 millón de pesos de la época».

Todelar es recordada por su lema está en todas partes y conocida como El circuito del pueblo. Por ella pasaron figuras de los medios como Pacheco, Julio Sánchez Vanegas, Antonio Pardo García, Edgar Perea y Jorge Campuzano. En sus décadas doradas destruyó a cadenas poderosas como Caracol y RCN y fue líder en transmisiones deportivas como los Juegos Panamericanos de Cali y los Olímpicos de Mních.

Pese a esos éxitos, muchos coinciden en describir a Bernardo Tobo de la Roche como una persona muy difícil, que subestimó el talento de sus hermanos (muertos) y sus hijos. Desheredó a su hija Mercedes por no estar de acuerdo con su matrimonio con el cantante argentino Roberto Mancini, recuerda Edgar Hozzman, productor musical y

escritor, que trabajó en la emisora.

La pregunta que muchos se hacen es si una vez se reparta la herencia, Todelar seguir en manos de los Tobón o ser absorbida por los grandes conglomerados. Fuente:

<http://www.semana.com/nacion/articulo/llega-todelar-juicio-radio/356120-3>
(vía Rafael Rodríguez, Medellín-Colombia a través de [Lista ConDig]
01.09.2013, via Conexión Digital 8 Sept via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. 11810-11815-11820, Sept 7 at 0052, REE DRM is on both frequencies tonight, also 9625-9630-9635 past 0100. (Specifying these on only three channels each is generous, especially the stronger 9 MHz one, Cariari's only remaining service to North America, to a handful of Dream machines, most of which probably don't understand Castilian) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA: QSL Especial de Mundo Sorprendente por Radio Costa Rica 930 kHz + Internet, dedicado a los 66 Años de Radio Nederland.

Cordiales saludos colegas Radioescuchas y Diexistas: El colega diexista costarricense Berny Solano, locutor y productor del programa "Mundo Sorprendente" a través de Radio Costa Rica 930 AM + internet, me ha pedido informarles que el próximo sábado 7 de Septiembre de 2013, a las 0300 UT [he means UT Sunday 8 September!!! gh], habrá una QSL Especial para todos aquellos radioescuchas y diexistas que capten su programa, que en esta oportunidad estará dedicado íntegramente al Diexismo; donde entre otras cosas se va a celebrar los 66 Años de Radio Nederland (Ing. Santiago San Gil, C.DX.A - INTERNACIONAL, Sept 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I assume this will be available on demand as in previous item, so if he's QSLing the live webcast he might as well QSL that too (gh, DXLD)

** CROATIA. 100 KW SW Transmitter for sale --- The NASB Facebook page has an ad (just appeared in the last hour) for a 100 KW shortwave transmitter and peripherals, from the Croation Information Center in Zagreb.

https://www.facebook.com/nasbshortwave?hc_location=stream
(Ken W. English, Studio Engineer, KSL-TV/KSL-DT, 55 North 300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-1160, 1843 UT Sept 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 1080, R. Cadena Habana/R. Ciudad de la Habana, Villa María, JUL 23, 0358 - ID, "Esta la capital [sic], transmite Radio Cadena Habana, la emisora de la música cubana" by man over jazzy music then what sounded like a sign-off announcement including FM frequency, ending with "buenas noches" then into Cuban anthem. Following this was some type of announcement by a deep-voiced man in Spanish with the

sound of pouring liquid, clinking glasses and "salute" [øsalud?] then into a romantic Cuban vocal song. Following the song was a R. Ciudad de la Habana ID by a man. The audio on Ciudad had a noticeable hum not present on Cadena's program. I think this confirms suspicions that R. Cadena is carrying R. Ciudad programming (Brett Saylor, Duck NC; Perseus SDR, corner-fed 16 x 36-ft terminated SuperLoop with a Wellbrook FLG-100 amp, NRC IDXN Sept 6 via DXLD)

1080, AUG 26, 0801 - Under WTIC; Michael Jackson "I Just Can't Stop Loving You," then signature R. Ciudad piano theme music marking the hour, parallel 820 kHz (Bruce Conti, WPC1CAT, Nashua NH; WiNRADiO, Excalibur, MWDX-5 phasing unit, 15 x 23-m variable termination SuperLoop antennas 60 northeast and 180 south. NRC IDXN Sept 6 via DXLD)

** CUBA. 1210, Radio Sancti Spiritus, Sancti Spiritus, Sancti Spiritus. 1032 September 7, 2013. Cuban vocals, station slow chimes and time check. Radio Caribe on 1220 as well (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; JPS NF-60 Notch Filter; JPS ANC-4 Noise Phase; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. New frequency of Radio Habana Cuba from Sep. 2: 1100-1300 NF 6000 HAB 100 kW / 160 deg to SoAm Spanish, ex 6150 Using a remote receiver in New York on Sep 4. (Ivo Ivanov, DX Re Mix News 798, Sept 11 via DXLD)

6000, Sept 5 at 0451, RHC English is undermodulated and interrupted by noise blasts, unlike on // 6165.

[and non]. 5970, Sept 6 at 0056, Cuban pulse jammer is centered here, right atop poor Radio Itatiaia, Brasil, and spreading plus/minus 7 kHz. Another one with a quite different rate and pitch is still on 5955 where R. Rep'blica resided long ago (really 5954+ for them), but 5952+ Radio Pio Doce, Bolivia has enough oomph to combat it. Yet more pulse jamming against nothing on 5890 where VOA Spanish used to be.

5970, Sept 7 at 0056, pulse jamming is here again with only collateral victim R. Itatiaia, Brasil.

5970, Sept 8 at 0058, R. Itatiaia, Brasil in the clear with no Cuban pulse jamming unlike the last binate; however, stray pulses sporadically around other bandparts, such as 5985, 6040-6055, etc.

6125, Sept 8 at 0544, RHC English is undermodulated with intermittent noise bursts, vs Arnie in a non-DX segment.

5745, Sept 8 at 1144, lite pulse jamming vs nothing, as the DentroCuban Jamming Command reminds us it is all set should R. Martí ever resume this frequency.

17720, Sept 8 at 2132, RHC 'European' service with modulation very suppressed; then cuts off the air briefly while someone kicks the transmitter, and it comes back on with sufficient modulation.

11840, Sept 9 at 0057, dead air from RHC here, while 11680 & 11760 are OK with music.

11970, Sept 10 at 0055, heavy pulse jamming against nothing; then checked 11930, usual spot for wasted jamming, nothing there at first, then more pulsing at about the same rate but different pitch than on 11970.

5970, Sept 10 at 0059, nonsensical pulse jamming still here atop Brazilian (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

0114 Sept 10: Dead air from Radio Habana Cuba in English on 6000 and 6165 kHz. 6060 kHz in Spanish with excellent signal .SINPO: 55555, 6100 is weaker with a SINPO of 35333 (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5990, Sept 11 at 0101, CRI relay is still running, after switch to English at 0100 instead of closing before 0100 in Spanish. And *still* going way late at 0114, // 6020 via Albania.

6060, Sept 11 at 0538, RHC English undermodulated with het; // 6125 better, // 6165 better yet, and // 6000 best; 5040 unchecked (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. La Habana, Cuba, julio 22 de 2013. Estimado Glen [sic]: Ante todo mis saludos cordiales para tí. Desearía que divulgues esta informaci n:

El domingo 27 de octubre, en mi programa DX 'En Contacto' de Radio Habana Cuba, har  un segmento ``especial`` con la adaptaci n de la radionovela ``La Guerra de los Mundos`` de Orson Welles, al cumplirse el 30 de ese mes de octubre, 75 a os de ese acontecimiento donde Welles hizo creer a los estadounidenses que miles de extraterrestres invad an la tierra. 75 a os despu s, nadie ha hecho un gui n tan real que hac a confundir la ficci n y la realidad.

A los oyentes que reporten ese programa recibir n esta QSL ``especial`` que te env o, conmemorativa de esa efem rides. Te adjunto

los horarios y frecuencias del programa.

Agradecido y un fuerte abrazo, 73,s! (Manolo de la Rosa Hernández, Realizador DX 'En Contacto', RHC, Apartado Postal 6240, La Habana, Cuba. E-mail: radiohc @ enet.cu Telef: (537) 833 47 67 (casa), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Above was retyped by gh with slight editing from a p-mail letter received in early September. It was an original, on a manual typewriter lacking the @ symbol. The envelope bears no postage stamp (still banned by the USA?), but a label C.POST with a bar code and RR019473798CU as well as a rubber stamp in an oval, PORTE PAGADO, [with a posthorn?] CORREO OFICIAL. It was marked VIA AEREA on the front, but rubber stamp date on the back 23 JUL 2013, so took about a sesquimonth via some circuitous route (Mexico?). Return address on envelope is different: ``Instituto Cubano de Radio y TV, Calle 23 No. 258, El Vedado, Ciudad Habana 4, Cuba``.

The envelope itself appears to be handmade from a recycled sheet of paper with printing inside, apparently a program script on some other topic, by an early computer printer.

The small sample QSL card is nicely printed apparently from a color copier, so limited edition, 4-3/4 by 3-1/4 inches, with a montage of newspaper headlines, Welles at the mike, and a fanciful illustration of aliens attacking Grovers Mill. Even has picture credits in tiny print on back:

Amazing Stories Vol 2 (No 5), 1927. Portada: Frank R. Pant. /

Periódicos de la Época

Fotografía de Orson Welles durante la dramatización

Portada primera edición, WAR OF THE WORLDS, H. G. Welles [sic] 1898

Mural: The Battle at Grovers Mill de Robert Hummel,

<http://www.artistroberthummel.com>

Which I found specifically at

<http://www.artistroberthummel.com/uploads/3/0/8/2/3082260/4189072.jpg>

along with credit to the Costa Rican designers of the card.

Other enclosure is also manually (Manololy?) hand-typed, showing the frequencies for each of the three 'En Contacto' broadcasts ``effective until October 2013``, but Oct 27 is the first day of the new B-13 season. RHC however normally does not make frequency changes until at least a week later. It will also shift most programming one UT hour later as Cuba goes off DST a week later, November 3, same as USA, coincidentally. It has the same error for the Sunday 2240 UT broadcast of 9610 instead of 9810 in the original I corrected as below. `EC` is only a 14-15 minute program, so even if this one is nothing but WOTW, it must be quite condensed as well as translated.

Another version of Manolo's notice about this appeared already in DXLD 13-35 under INTERNATIONAL VACUUM [non]. Now we need to remember to remind about it during the week before Oct 27 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. TELEVISI" N CUBANA: RADIO CON IMAGEN

Martes, Septiembre 10, 2013 | Por _Camilo Ernesto Olivera Peidro_
<http://www.cubanet.org/author/camilo-ernesto-olivera/>

LA HABANA, Cuba, setiembre, --- ¿Fórmula para hacer una TV gris y aburrida? Que la haga el gobierno. El 6 de agosto de 1960, comenzó el principio del fin de la televisión y la radio privadas en Cuba. Fueron intervenidas por el gobierno revolucionario, junto a compañías norteamericanas, como la ``Cuban Telephone Company`` y su filial ``Equipos Standard de Cuba S.A.``, esta última creada para el ensamblaje de equipamiento radioelectrónico. En 1962 se completó el proceso de control gubernamental sobre los medios de difusión, al ser creado el Instituto Cubano de Radiodifusión (ICR), más tarde denominado Instituto Cubano de Radio y Televisión.

Con la ruptura de las relaciones diplomáticas entre Cuba y los Estados Unidos, cesó el suministro de tecnología nortea para el sostenimiento del sistema de transmisiones televisivas en la Isla. El gobierno logró la compra, en 1967, de equipos VTR (Video Tape Recorder), de formato semejante al denominado Tipo A, fabricado por la firma norteamericana AMPEX en esa época.

Tales equipos se destinaron, en lo fundamental, para la grabación de materiales informativos o para los actos políticos de envergadura. Por otra parte, la mayoría de los espacios dramatizados salían al aire en vivo y filmados en set de estudio. Según el caso, se recurría a las imágenes filmadas en exteriores, en el formato de cine de 16 milímetros o telecine.

En 1957, el Canal 12, Escuela de Televisión, había realizado los primeros ensayos de transmisión en colores a pequeña escala. Sin embargo, la primera transmisión a color se efectuó en 1975, cuando fue televisado el acto de clausura del Primer Congreso del PCC.

De igual manera, la primera transmisión de un espacio captado vía satélite en la isla, consistió en la difusión del acto político y desfile militar que tuvo lugar en Moscú, por el aniversario 60 del Octubre Rojo, en 1977.

Para ese momento, ya estaba en operaciones la denominada Estación Terrena Caribe, ubicada en la localidad de Jaruco. También se adquirió el equipamiento de formato U-matic, de la Sony, lo cual introdujo cambios en todo el sistema de producción y transmisiones de la TV

cubana.

En 1979, sali  al aire Colorama, un espacio que divulg  videos musicales del  rea internacional. En ese propio a o se grab  la serie ``En silencio ha tenido que ser``. Sin embargo, no es sino hasta el a o 1984, con la introducci n del equipamiento de formato Sony Betacam, que se generaliza la grabaci n y edici n en los espacios dramatizados y musicales de la TV cubana.

Algunos materiales, que hab an sido grabados en formato U-matic, fueron salvados mediante transfer al nuevo formato. Pero muchos casetes fueron o botados o mal almacenados. En algunos casos, los propios directores de los programas se ocuparon de salvar sus materiales. La desidia lanz  al olvido todo un patrimonio audiovisual, que inclu a materiales  nicos.

Por otra parte, estaba orientado por el Departamento Ideol gico del CC --- PCC, eliminar los programas donde actuaban artistas que emigraban del pa s.

Luego, en la d cada de los noventas, la compra de casetes nuevos fue reducida. Muchos programas realizados en los ochenta se perdieron, pues los soportes donde estaban grabados fueron borrados para volver a utilizarlos. Los archivos de la televisi n nacional quedaron ubicados en Maz n y San Miguel.

Durante las labores constructivas para rescatar ese local y convertirlo en el Canal Habana (estaci n local), el polvo y el cemento afectaron seriamente los casetes mal protegidos.

A inicios de la d cada pasada, fueron reconstruidos los estudios de P y 23. Estos hab an sido transformados en almacenes y oficinas. Actualmente se filma y se edita prioritariamente en formato digital. El formato de soporte para transmisiones contin a siendo el casete anal gico Sony Betacam.

En un determinado momento, se consider  la posibilidad de saltar a la TV digital adoptando el formato ISDB-Tb (Integrated Services Digital Broadcasting), variante brasile a de la norma japonesa. Esta norma es est ndar en buena parte de los pa ses latinoamericanos que ya acogieron la digitalizaci n.

Sin embargo, los ``due os de la finca`` decidieron adquirir la norma china denominada DTMB (Digital Terrestrial Multimedia Broadcast). ...sta es utilizada solamente por China, Macao y Hong Kong. En materia de tecnolog a televisiva, los gobernantes cubanos tambi n se niegan a una verdadera transici n (COPIADO DE <http://www.cubanet.org/?p=49429> via Oscar de C spedes, FL, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. TV MARTÍ TRANSMITTER PLANE, GROUNDED BY SEQUESTER, STORED FOR \$79,500 PER YEAR [Washington Post as already in DXLD 13-36]

-- This article is the first on the subject that acknowledges the laws of physics. Aero Martí does not really "fly over the ocean," because international radio regulations prohibit broadcasting on or over international waters. Accordingly, Aero Martí must be flown over the Florida Keys, in US territory. That's 145 kilometers to the nearest point in Cuba, a distance over which signals on television frequencies attenuate significantly, and are easy prey for jamming transmitters in the target country (Kim Andrew Elliott, Sept 9, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

Welcome back, Kim. He revived his blog with some new posts dated Sept 9 to 11, after a long lull since July 15 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. 7210-LSB, PENNSYLVANIA, N1NR, Bushkill. 1134 September 8, 2013. Nelson Roig with the usual anti-Commie Cuba ranting with other pigs [you mean worms? gh]. No jamming antics noted in my brief listen this time (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; JPS NF-60 Notch Filter; JPS ANC-4 Noise Phase; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DIEGO GARCIA. 12759-USB, AFRTS, 0149-0202 with IDs at 0149 and 0150, woman noted their website address, SINFO 25222. I [sic] heard local weather with a temp of 79 degrees (John & Sandra Davis, Johnstown OH, Mackay 5050A and 435-foot longwire, Sept NASWA Journal via DXLD)

No date but presumably late July or early August. That antenna might be a bit of overkill, except maybe in this case (gh, DXLD)

[Re AFN GUAM gone] And has anyone heard Diego Garcia lately? Always a tough one here: 4319, 12759 (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Sept 9, at 1118 and subsequent checking, found AFN Guam continues to be silent on both frequencies.

During the time period I usual monitor, I normally find that AFN Diego Garcia (4319-USB) is totally blocked by NATO STANAG QRM (per Al Muick's info below). Is a rare day indeed that they are off, so afraid I am not much help regarding AFN DG activity (Ron Howard, San Francisco, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

- - DXLD 12-05: RE - QRM on 4319 against AFN Diego Garcia:

Gents, This is a NATO STANAG (Standard Agreement) 4285 signal. It's PSK, with a 2400 baud speed and a bandwidth of 3.3 kHz. Best received in USB mode. It's encrypted, and although there are various databases that have it here or on 4316 kHz, not one of them has a call sign or location (Al Muick, Whitehall PA, DXLD 12-05 via Ron Howard, 13-37)

Hearing them tonight, 0015 10 Sept., with very poor signal. Using USB to avoid interference you can just make out some English announcements, YL & OM, and some C&W music. I doubt that you could get an actual ID but programming fits AFN and I'm 100% sure of the English announcements (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4319-USB, AFN, 1337-1403, Sept 10. A very rare day with no QRM from NATO STANAG; PSAs; sports scores; news; pop songs; ID for iAmerican Forces Radio; poor. So this ends up presently being the only AFN active on SW, as AFN Guam remains silent through Sept 10 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Through that horrid noise on 4319 USB, at the moment Iïve something underneath. I hear occasional pieces of music with that AFN telephone tininess at 0012 and continuing. Then it gets wiped out as the noise machine cycles again. All that empty band space these days, and we get this going on (Gerry Bishop, FL, Sept 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Gents, audible without QRM at 2342 here, and reported the same downstate. Music program, sounds like pop hits (Gerry Bishop, upstate FL, Sept 10, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST) QRM usually starts circa 0000 (gh, ibid.)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 9675, Sept 6 at 0112, CRI English talking about Turkey and the PKK, heavy flutter and same program as via Albania and Cuba on 9570, 9580 with no flutter. Got to be another Kashgar relay: yes, 01-02 only on the usual 308 degrees. Had not noticed this before, but now it stands out with Moscow gone from 9665 and Beograd gone from 9685.

15410, Sept 6 at 1417, fair signal in Chinese but cannot make it // the CNR1 jammers --- because it's CRI from Kashgar, scheduled this hour only at what else, 308 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 6050, HCJB La Voz de los Andes, Quito. 1153 September 8, 2013. Kechwa-ish sounding chatter, distinctive HCJB automated sounders

1200 over programming (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; JPS NF-60 Notch Filter; JPS ANC-4 Noise Phase; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6050, HCJB La Voz de Los Andes (Quito, Ecuador), 0102 UT Sept 9.
Música andina, parte de programa en idioma kichwa (quechua), luego locutor menciona versículos de la Biblia y le sigue mini historia y comentarios de locutor acerca de esta historia y más música andina y luego si de la misma forma el programa con música y comentarios de la biblia por el locutor, SINPO: 55444 (Marcos Cox, Vicuña, Chile, Receptor: Degen DE1103 + Antena Cable Largo 3 Metros, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** EGYPT. Signal mixture of R Cairo Abis site SW outlets - combined with MW powerhouse MW ME Radio 774 kHz difference frequency heard again here in Germany these days.

8716 kHz ? Programm in arabisch mit Pop-Musik und Ansagen. Hat einer eine Idee wer das sein koennte? Kann es in keiner meiner Listen finden. SIO 252. Noetted at 1846z on Sept 7 (Willi Westrupp, Germany, A-DX Sept 7 via BC-DX Sept 11 via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD)

Unser alter Bekannter in Abis, Mubarak land. Mischt sich mit der Mittelwelle MERadio 774 kHz. 73 wolfgang df5sx (B,schel, ibid.)

I.e. de 9490 minus 774 = 8716 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT [and non]. 9720, Sept 6 at 0113, R. Cairo carrier is maybe just barely modulated, but hard to tell with strong OTH radar pulses extending from 9716 to 9745, CYPRUS? Egypt's transmitters are so broken that one might suspect this noise was coming out of it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. QSL: Radio Oromya, 6030, E-QSL in 0 days for e_report to habtamu.dargie@yahoo.com V/s: Habtamu Dargie, Engineering Head (Kurt Enders, Bickenbach, Germany, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** FINLAND. Managed to catch Scandinavian Weekend Radio, 6170 kHz, tonight (1956 UT 7/9) with Status Quo record and ID at 2000 (which I struggled to catch) but heard the address, PO Box 99, 34801, Virrat. Seemed to get slightly better here after 1945, but still only SIO 242. 73's (Nick Rank, Buxton UK, Sony ICF2001D, longwire & passive tuner, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

SWR 6170 kHz --- Various reports yesterday. Next transmission diary

dates:

4th-5th Oct 2013

1st-2nd Nov 2013

6th-7th Dec 2013

<http://www.swradio.net/>

(Mike Terry, Sept 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GERMANY. Closure of Berlin-Britz transmitter [4 Attachments]**

At present no one has time left to prepare material on this matter, thus here, if just sending it to Yahoo group mail addresses still works out, four video stills (copyright J[^]rg Wagner), in addition to this already uploaded photo (from yours truly; in both cases: reuse in non-commercial publications OK):

<http://www.radioeins.de/etc/medialib/rbb/rad/programm/medienmagazin/9/010.file.jpg>

This set-up of Telefunken (nowadays Transradio) TRAM transmitters (2 x 50 kW combined for 990 kHz, 25 kW for 855 kHz) has been installed in 2000 (or maybe late 1999 / early 2001). It replaced on 990 kHz the S 4003 / S 4002 transmitters from around 1980, since been removed, and on 855 kHz the 2 x 50 kW Nautel AMPFET, still kept, just in case. These AMPFET rigs were bought by RIAS in the late eighties, together with a third one for the Hof site, closed in 1994. This first generation of solid-state mediumwave transmitters was built for a specified frequency and cannot be retuned; thus the AMPFET from Hof has after the closure been swiftly scrapped.

Still there are also the S 4001 transmitter for 6005 kHz (dead since a transformer suffered a short-circuit in 2007), the 20 kW shortwave transmitter from 1951 (dead since last year, but its console is still powered), an ancient FM transmitter from 1957 and the FM gear that was in use until 89.6 MHz has been closed down here on 22 Nov 2012, 09:59:50, immediately taken over by the TV tower.

Of the antennas, the southeastern mast, which radiated the 855 kHz signal, was dismantled by crane in last autumn. After looking in vain behind all the bushes, I was advised that for the crane work the 6005 kHz quadrant antenna was in the way, so had already been removed, too. Still there are the northwestern mast and the antenna of the 1951 shortwave transmitter.

The state of the site is now "just switched off, not shut down", thus some compressor still runs for no purpose, perhaps until it finally breaks down when no one is still there to repair it anyway. Actually the closure of 990 kHz was planned for 30 June and the audio circuits were already terminated at this date. At short notice the 990 kHz transmitter was left on air until 4 Sep, the day the site went first on air in 1946, also close to IFA, thus a date suitable to present

future plans, pretending that no other players than the broadcasting industry will ever appear in the field of in-car entertainment / information and that politics of German principalities can ensure this.

At present some editorial staff seeks at the transmitter site refugee from noisy construction work in the radio house, even taking seat on the main control desk, in front of the three clocks, showing "UTC" (local time minus one hour...), "MEZ" (true local time) and "USA" (have not compared yet, but this must be Washington time...). Behind them one piece still carrying a RIAS label could be found, a limiter/compressor once used for the AM signals (an EMT DX-377).

In fact there was no real reason to hold on 990 kHz until now. Since 1995, when the power had to be limited to 100 kW and the nighttime NVIS antenna to be excluded from further use, it served only the area fully covered on FM. The transmitter was already off during the removal of the southeastern mast in last autumn, and there was no real rationale to turn it on again at all. Chances are that this was the least listened-to 100+ kW mediumwave signal around.

Now it is to be expected that the northwestern mast will be dismantled by crane as well, perhaps towards the end of this year. Beyond this "will be sold if an interested investor appears" is the most precise what could be said at this point. And concerning the other LW/MW transmitters used by Deutschlandradio the note in WRTN 2013 is still the most precise that can be said: Compulsory transmission contracts are in place until 2016 (this because quite a lot of money has been sunk into these facilities to make them DRM-capable, not just by installing new TRAM transmitters, often also by modifying the antennas). Attachment(s) from Kai Ludwig 4 of 4 Photo(s) [in the dxldyg] (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GERMANY. MV BALTIC RADIO ANTENNA HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY A LOCAL STORM**

MVBR will make no broadcasts this weekend, as the antenna of the shortwave transmitter in G^hren (MV Baltic Radio, Local Radio Hamburg) was badly damaged by a local storm. Any broadcasts over the damaged antenna are not possible and the repair work is expected to last until early October 2013. MVBR do hope that Hamburger Lokalradio and MV Baltic Radio can broadcast again on 8th October 2013 via a temporary aerial. We are sorry for any inconvenience and hope to return as soon as possible. 73s, Roland (via Tom Taylor, Sept 6, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So that affects WORLD OF RADIO, off 7265-CUSB in the meantime (gh WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Or not: later word via Tom Taylor is that broadcasts continue as before, on a temporary antenna

(gh)

** GERMANY. HCJB Weenermoor 3995 nearly // 7365 --- While writing this at 1105 UT (11 September) I am listening to HCJB Weenermoor on 3995 // 7365 kHz, on both frequencies German religious songs with SINPO 34433. I noted that the transmission on 7365 kHz is slightly behind the one on 3995 kHz. Do they really come from the same site? Regards (Harald Kuhl, Germany, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Radio Andernach em DRM --- Em 07-09-2013 entre 22:30 e 23:15 UTC, captei a Radio Andernach da Alemanha, em 11650 kHz, faltando alguns dB para decodificar o áudio digital. Mas o Jornal em multimedia foi copiado 100%, como mostram as figuras aqui:
<http://www.qsl.net/py4zbz/hamdream/rxdm.htm#a>
73 de (Roland, PY4ZBZ, Sept 8, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. QSL: 15560, Radio Mashaal via Nauen. Rec'd a reply from Media Broadcast in 12 days with a e-mail QSL statement and E-mail Card from V/S; Walter Brodowsky, Head of short-wave, Senior Expert Sales. This for an e-mail report sent Media Broadcast (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Observed on Sept at 1800-1815 UT. Ahead signal on MW 1260 Rhodos and delay on SW 7450, 9420 and 15650 kHz was. On 1008 kHz own program from Kerkyra, on 1512 and 729 only carriers. No signals were on 927 and 1278 kHz, but on 1404 there were !!! 2 stations in Greek - one with 2-3 minutes delay (!) from 1260 kHz and another with songs (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Sept 9, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 11 via DXLD)

** GREECE. Olympia Radio on 2799 kHz USB with good signal. A female voice reading sets of numbers in Greek, probably coordinates? Before 0000 UT Sept 10 (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM [and non]. 5765, Sept 5 at 1211 and later in the hour, only RTTY here, no AFN, but still Guam transmitter? Someone suggests I just ask AFN about what's happening and maybe I will later, but now the priority is to monitor what is heard or not. I do check this:
<http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/Shortwave.aspx>

Which says:

``Shortwave service is provided by the Navy as an option for their ships without the Navy's Direct-to-Sailor (DTS) capability. Shortwave also serves as a backup to those customers with DTS. Shortwave service is also an option for land-based listeners in remote locations that do not have access to local or satellite-delivered AFRTS full Satellite Network (SATNET) services. Shortwave services are intended to operate 24/7 but do experience disruptions due to maintenance and atmospheric

conditions.

[CURRENT SHORTWAVE HIGH FREQUENCIES]

Location	Band	Daytime	Nighttime
Diego Garcia	Upper Sideband	12,759 KHz	4,319 KHz
Guam	Upper Sideband	13,362 KHz	5,765 KHz
Key West, Florida	Upper Sideband	Decommissioned	
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	Upper Sideband	Out of service for an indefinite period''	

So they still have Guam as active, but note that Hawaii, really off the air for years now, has not been formally decommissioned so there is some possibility it may resume. It was last reported on 10320-USB, Nov 7, 2009, and I think the night frequency was 6350, off before then.

5765, Sept 8 at 1143, still hearing RTTY here instead of USB AFN broadcast. Wolfgang B,schel was also hearing RTTY around 13364, Sept 8 at 0720 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non-log]. 5765-USB and 13362-USB, AFN Guam, both remain silent through Sept 7 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

re QRM on 13362-USB. Measured these: On Sept 8th at 0720 UT noted RTTY MARK frequency 13364.42, and some 850 Hertz lower frequency shift was SPACE on 13363.57 kHz (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 8 via DXLD) see also DIEGO GARCIA

** GUAM. 15240, KTW. 15240 09/09 1245 UT. Hombre habla en idioma kokborok, para la India. Se0al con SINP0: 32332 con siseos desde 15250 con CNR1 Jammer contra VOA en Chino. 73 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 20 metros con balun 9:1. QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV RegiÛn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

SINGAPORE [sic???]. Summer A-13 KTW Trans World Radio Asia:
0845-0930 on 15200 TWR 100 kW / 263 deg to SEAs English Mon-Fri
0930-1000 on 15200 TWR 100 kW / 248 deg to SEAs Balinese Sat
0930-1000 on 15200 TWR 100 kW / 248 deg to SEAs Madurese Mon-Fri
0930-0945 on 15200 TWR 100 kW / 248 deg to SEAs Madurese Sun
0945-1000 on 15200 TWR 100 kW / 248 deg to SEAs Balinese Sun
1000-1015 on 11840 TWR 100 kW / 165 deg to AUS English Mon-Fri
1000-1015 on 15235 TWR 100 kW / 305 deg to EaAs Chinese Sun
1000-1030 on 11840 TWR 100 kW / 165 deg to AUS English Sat
1000-1030 on 15200 TWR 100 kW / 248 deg to SEAs Indonesian Sun-Fri
1000-1030 on 15200 TWR 100 kW / 248 deg to SEAs Javanese Sat
1000-1100 on 15235 TWR 100 kW / 305 deg to EaAs Chinese Mon-Sat
1030-1100 on 15200 TWR 100 kW / 248 deg to SEAs Sudanese

1100-1145 on 12120 TWR 100 kW / 320 deg to EaAs Chinese
 1100-1230 on 9910 TWR 100 kW / 305 deg to EaAs Chinese
 1115-1145 on 11580 TWR 100 kW / 320 deg to EaAs Chinese
 1145-1200 on 11580 TWR 100 kW / 320 deg to EaAs Chinese Mon-Sat
 1200-1215 on 11580 TWR 100 kW / 315 deg to EaAs Nosu Yi
 1200-1245 on 15390 TWR 100 kW / 285 deg to SoAs Burmese Mon-Thu
 1200-1300 on 15390 TWR 100 kW / 285 deg to SoAs Burmese Fri-Sun
 1215-1245 on 9975 TWR 100 kW / 320 deg to EaAs Chinese Mon-Fri
 1230-1300 on 15240 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Kokborok Mon-Fri
 1245-1300 on 15240 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Kokborok Sun
 1245-1330 on 11580 TWR 100 kW / 278 deg to SEAs Vietnamese Sun-Fri
 1245-1345 on 11580 TWR 100 kW / 278 deg to SEAs Vietnamese Sat
 1300-1315 on 15240 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Santhali
 1300-1330 on 15390 TWR 100 kW / 285 deg to SoAs Sgaw Karen
 1300-1345 on 9975 TWR 100 kW / 320 deg to EaAs Chinese Sun-Fri
 1315-1330 on 15225 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Santhali Sun
 1315-1345 on 15225 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Assamese Sun-Fri
 1330-1345 on 15225 TWR 100 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Manipuri Sun
 1345-1415 on 11580 TWR 100 kW / 335 deg to EaAs Korean Sat
 1345-1445 on 9975 TWR 100 kW / 320 deg to EaAs Chinese
 1345-1445 on 11580 TWR 100 kW / 335 deg to EaAs Korean Sun
 1345-1500 on 11580 TWR 100 kW / 335 deg to EaAs Korean Mon-Fri
 1330-1400 on 9940 TWR 100 kW / 315 deg to EaAs Cantonese Mon-Fri
 1330-1400 on 9940 TWR 100 kW / 315 deg to EaAs Hui Sat/Sun
 1400-1435 on 15190 TWR 100 kW / 285 deg to SEAs English Sun/Wed
 1400-1430 on 15190 TWR 100 kW / 285 deg to SEAs English Thu
 1400-1425 on 15190 TWR 100 kW / 285 deg to SEAs English Mon/Tue/Fri
 1445-1500 on 9975 TWR 100 kW / 320 deg to EaAs Chinese Mon-Fri
 (Ivo Ivanov, DX Re Mix News 798, Sept 11 via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, TGAV Radio Verdad (tentative); 0425-0433+, 4-Sep;
 Spanish religious program, mentioned Guatemala; hymns sound like 20s
 recordings. No BoH break. SIO=2+22+ with hiss QRM--LSB helps (Harold
 Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180
 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real
 time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 7340.093, Probably Sindhi service of AIR Bombay tx site,
 observed in Japan remote unit at 1432 UT.

5009.995, AIR Thiruvananthapuram in Hindi, endless male announcer
 advt? interspersed by short music pieces. At 1235 UT Sept 8. Pretty
 strong powerful modulation noted so far.

4760.008, AIR Hindi program heard on SDR remote unit in downunder
 Brisbane-AUS, poor S=5 signal. 1300 UT Sept 8 (Wolfgang B, schel, Sept
 7/8, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 11 via DXLD) 4760 = Port Blair A&N Is.

** INDIA. 0040 Sept 10: AIR Kohima is on the air with news and sport bulletin in English. 4850 kHz. SINPO: 34343 (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4971.0, AIR Shillong, 1316, Sept 10. Weak audio with subcontinent music (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4971, AIR-Shillong, Sep 10 1437-1448, 45444, Talk and music, ID at 1444, Moved frequency 1 kHz (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Itanagar was monitored this morning at 0145 UT on 4990 with clear ID, poor reception. They were not heard for some time now. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, Sept 5, dx_india yg via DXLD not in time for WORLD OF RADIO 1685 to be updated; but on WORLD OF RADIO 1686)

AIR Itanagar noted back on 4990 since yesterday. Very loud signals than before till sign off at 1630 UT (10.00pm IST). Their daytime frequency of 6150 is still off air.

http://qsl.net/vu2jos/qsls/Itanagar_6150.jpg

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, Sept 6, dx-india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD)

CHINA/INDIA, Two stations co-channel mixture noted at 1330 UT Sept 7 via remote SDR rx unit at Nara-JPN. Probably Hunan-CHN 4989.995, and odd frequency 4989.975 - I guess - latter from northern AIR Itanagar site (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 7, dxldyg via DXLD)

Sept 7 on 4990 at 1350, found indigenous singing; very poor reception; by 1410 able to make out more subcontinent music; 1415 sounded like their usual news in Hindi; 1420 the only positive detail to confirm was in fact AIR Itanagar was the usual theme music played to separate the news in Hindi from the news in English; followed with what did sound like news in English; after 1425 was unable to confirm any audio (below threshold level); tx still on by 1455. Nice to have them back again! In another month, reception of this should be much improved. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4990, AIR Itanagar, 1253-1315, Sept 10. Playing the often heard regional indigenous chanting/singing from the state of Arunachal Pradesh; ads; 1300-1305 news in assume Hindi then back to non-stop repetitive chanting/singing; audio muffled with decent signal strength. Audio at <https://app.box.com/s/kybtcntwrniw6zhbeltl> of

chanting/singing.

4990, AIR Itanagar, 1409-1425, Sept 11. Much better reception than yesterdayis, but with very strong audio hum today. Possibly they are currently making adjustment to the tx? 1415-1420 clearly news in Hindi; followed by local ID in English, then news repeated in English along with local Itanagar weather forecast (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 11985, Sept 11 at 0056, rechecking since 24 hours earlier there was 1 kHz tone: not today, but very poor talk programming, presumed AIR Delhi/Khampur as scheduled 250 kW, 174 degrees in Sinhala at 0045-0115. Noting on 11980 or 11990 either in case my parallax was off before. Maybe they had lost feed or some mixup before, defaulting to tone fill.

Then I check 11620, usually audible around now and so it is with much better fair signal, fluttery, music, i.e. AIR Urdu service, 500 kW, 240 degrees from Bengaluru (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [non]. Summer A-13 schedule of Trans World Radio India:

0030-0045	11600	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Bengali	Mon-Fri
0030-0115	11600	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Hindi	Sun
0045-0115	11600	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Bhojpuri	Mon-Fri
0045-0115	11600	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Nepali	Sat
0115-0130	11600	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Dzonka	
1245-1530	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Bengali/Hindi/Nepali/Dzonka	
1245-1300	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Kui/Santhali	Sat/Sun
1300-1315	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Ho/Kumaoni	Sat/Sun
1315-1330	12160	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Dogri	Mon-Fri
1315-1330	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Mewari	Sun-Thu
1315-1330	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Bhasha/Bengali	Fri/Sat
1315-1430	12160	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Hindi	Sat/Sun
1330-1345	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Bondo/Maithili	Sun-Tue
1330-1345	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Kasmiri/Tibetan	Wed/Thu
1330-1345	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Haryanvi/Garhwali	Fri/Sat
1330-1400	12160	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Hindi	Mon-Fri
1345-1415	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Kuruk/Kharia	Sun
1345-1415	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Maithili	Mon-Fri
1345-1415	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Bundeli	Sat
1400-1415	12160	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Hindi	Mon/Wed-Fri
1400-1415	12160	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Awadhi	Tue
1415-1430	12160	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Garhwali	Mon-Fri
1415-1430	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Magahi	Sun/Mon
1415-1430	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Mundari/Kuruk	Tue-Sat
1430-1445	12160	TAC	100 kW	/	131 deg	Hindi	
1430-1500	12055	IRK	250 kW	/	224 deg	Sadri/Chodri	Sat/Sun

1430-1500 12055 IRK 250 kW / 224 deg Sindhi Mon-Fri
 1445-1515 12160 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg Punjabi Sun
 1445-1515 12160 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg Hindi Mon-Sat
 1500-1515 12055 IRK 250 kW / 224 deg Bhili Sat/Sun
 1500-1515 12055 IRK 250 kW / 224 deg Gamit/Vasali Mon-Fri
 1500-1530 7300 IRK 250 kW / 195 deg Urdu
 1515-1530 12055 IRK 250 kW / 224 deg Mouchi/Dhodya Mon-Thu
 1515-1545 12160 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg Punjabi Sat/Sun
 1515-1615 12160 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg Hindi Mon-Fri
 1600-1630 7300 IRK 250 kW / 195 deg to WeAs Pashto/Dari
 (Ivo Ivanov, DX Re Mix News 798, Sept 11 via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3325, Sept 10 at 1151, as I am searching 90m for PNGs, find instead Indonesian talk here, so Bougainville must be off; no other signal. 1155 somewhat better as YL Indo talk continues; 1156 a bit of flute music, resuming talk mixing with music. 1158 ute QRM briefly on and off. 1159 pause and sung jingle, another YL, harp-orchestral tune, 1200 clear ID as ``Radio Republik Indonesia ñ warta berita` starting newscast. So no doubt this is Palangkaraya (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3325, Sept 11 at 1143 carrier which might have been PNG [q.v.] like some others on 90m, but instead at 1200 ``Warta Berita``, i.e. news in Indonesian from RRI Palangkaraya, Kalimantan Tengah, and at 1208 I make it // 4750 RRI Makassar, Sulawesi Selatan, during news and sounder, both only poor signals. 1225 recheck, 3325 is still audible with music; sunrise here was 1211 (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3325, RRI Palangkaraya, 1220, Sept 6. News from Jakarta; // 4749.96 - RRI Makassar // 4869.92 - RRI Wamena; with RRI Ternate being off the air.

As also happened last year at the beginning of Sept, RRI is no longer playing iDirgahayu Indonesiakuî at the end of the Jakarta news as they did throughout August; instead now playing some type of RRI song and has not returned to the usual iBagimu Negeriî patriotic song yet. (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3344.86, RRI Ternate. Off the air Sept 6, but back again on Sept 7 at 1207 with news from Jakarta; only // with 3325 - RRI Palangkaraya.

[non-log]. 3344.86, RRI Ternate off the air Sept 8, 9 and 10. No trace of PNG-NBC, which has not been here recently. Will RRI here be off till the next Ramadan? (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [and non]. 4750, Sept 5 at 1153, RRI Makassar has heavy CCI and fast SAH from Bangladesh or China; not much signal on 4870 Wamena.

4750-, Sept 6 at 1240, poor signal with Indonesian music, so RRI Makassar, sounds alone in AM, but warbly with BFO, unstable carrier from it or is there really still another signal there? JBA carrier on 4870- RRI Wamena. Both as usual slightly on the low side of nominal frequencies. (I awoke more than an hour earlier and found little from PNG on 90m so slept another hour today) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4749.96, RRI Makassar. Sept 7 special coverage of some live event in Makassar; very lively young announcers with some music at 1207 and subsequent checking till 1338; did not carry the news from Jakarta (unusual); many local IDs (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4869.92, RRI Wamena. Quick check Sept 5, at 1230 found the weekly Thursday KGI program already in progress; an early start for their show in English. Sept 7 at 1207 they did not carry the news from Jakarta as they normally would; instead played pop music; fair by 1304 with song iWe Are the World.i (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4869.93, RRI-Wamena, Sep 08 1335-1410, 35343, Indonesian, Talk and music, ID at 1336 and 1347 and 1410.

4869.93, RRI-Wamena, Sep 10 1317-1351, 35343-34343, Indonesian, Music, ID at 1346 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RRI-Wamena new type of E-QSL? cf. DXLD 13-36 " QSL: RRI Wamena, 4870" by Mr. Bruce Portzer

I sent reception report in English to RRI-Wamena (4870 kHz) in September 2010 by S-mail. No reply at all. Then I sent follow-up report in March 2011 by E-mail. Again no reply, no notice at all. Seeing Mr. Portzer's report on RRI-Wamena in dxldyg 8/31, I checked the web page of the station <http://rriwamena.com> all in Indonesian. I read the bulletin board of the station called "Pojok Wamena" (corner of Wamena) by chance. Then I was astonished to find my follow-up report was on the board as it was. More surprisingly the reply from the webmaster of the station was also on the board in English, saying "About the card or verification letter, it will be in the first our attention". I have never known the fact for more than 2 years! This may be a kind of E-QSL. Thank you Portzer to give me the chance to

check RRI-Wamena website (Takahito Akabayashi, Tokyo, Japan, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here's the page about his report, but nothing else recent:

<http://rriwamena.com/pojok-wamena>
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9525.89, V. of Indonesia, Sep 10 1229-1238, 33443, Japanese, Talk and music, ID at 1229 and 1230 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.88, VOI on Sept 10 (Tuesday) with usual two different editions of iExotic Indonesia. At 1325 Jakarta YL attempted to get the YL in Banjarmasin (via phone) to engage in a conversation, but she sounded half asleep and would only say ianoi or iyesi to questions and was no help at all with the conversation; the earlier (1000-1100) Jakarta-Bali chatting was more animated (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Can't say I've heard this one at this time of the day in this season before, but it's definitely French by a woman on a signal hampered by co-channel QRM that might be China. in attempting to measure, VOI may be closer to 9526 with CRI in what sounds like Russian on 9525.

9526 - INDONESIA (tentative) - Voice of Indonesia in French by woman at 2006, with strong co-channel QRM defeated enough by using USB. SINPO - 32332, poor overall due to co-channel QRM, possibly from CRI. (9/10/2013) (John Figliozi, Halfmoon, NY, Eton E1XM, A/D DX sloper, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Indonesia sent me a nice package with their tote bag, shirt, sticker, folder, notebook pad, pen, blank VOI QSL card and magazine (VOI iSuara Indonesia in English). Do not know what I did to deserve this, but am pleased to receive it. Picture of the goodies at <https://app.box.com/s/ait9tjb88n9rnjn49n6r>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Sept 5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Actually I have only corresponded to VOI once and that was via an email. I often listen to the Tuesday "Exotic Indonesia" program in English (1000-1100 and 1300-1400 UT). Once they had a quiz about Banjarmasin and asked for emailed answers. I sent in this correct answer: "it is known as a city of 1000 rivers." Sent into exoticindonesiaquiz@voi.co.id so the package of goodies I just received must have been as a result of that correspondence (Ron Howard, Sept 8, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Great congrats Ron, you are really worth of that. Please tell me radio quiz what you know next time, I also compile a radio quiz page on <http://jshort.blog.163.com/blog/static/2097152892012628125488/> (Jonathan Short, China, ibid.) See CHINA

** IRAN. VOIROI in Arabic observed at 1630 UT with news and from 1640 UT with program called "Alo Tehran" on 11815 kHz and MW 1080 kHz and at 1700 UT started \\ 12080 kHz and at 1710 UT noted on 11815, 12080, 1080, and 1224 kHz.

At 1930 UT with ID "Radio Iran" and news in Farsi were heard the frequencies 666 \\ 747, 936, 972, 981, 1026 kHz (the most strong signal from Iran here on MW), 1197, 1512 kHz. August 23 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Aug 29, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 11 via DXLD)

** IRAN [and non]. 21650, Sept 5 at 1252 something very weak with talk, scheduled as VIRI in Chinese, 1200-1257, 500 kW, 65 degrees from Kamalabad. (I assume China does not try to jam this, from a fellow dictatorship?) All the other 13m stations were in too altho not very strong, i.e. Rwanda, France, Spain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. 2304 Sept 8: Radio Farda with a program of Persian rap music. Excellent signal on both 5860 and 7585. Various frequency lists show both are from Iranawilla at that time. SINPO: 55555 (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 7585 reliable here (gh, OK, DXLD)

** IRELAND. 2337 Sept 8: Shannon Volmet on 5505 with meteorological bulletin in USB. Suffering from interference from a very strong Link-11 digital transmission a few kHz up. The propagation on the lower bands last night was awesome with loads of utility stations, including SSB, CW, RTTY and plenty of digital modes (SITOR, STANAG 4285, Link-11, CODAR).(Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND [non]. QSL: SOUTH AFRICA, RTE Dublin, 5820, QSL-card in 10 days for report to the address given in WRTH, 2 US\$ return postage back (Kurt Enders, Bickenbach, Germany, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

17820, Sept 8 after 1300, noticed some signal here but did not pursue it. Later heard from Wolfgang B,schel, that the RT... annual hurling special was on via Woofferton UK, supposedly instead of originally publicized 17725, but he heard it there too. Maybe they'll get it all straightened out for the football final two weeks hence? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

War das hier schon ein Thema - dieses A13 Jahr?
Ich spekuliere mal - morgen am 8. [und 22.] September:

Southern Africa - 7405 (2pm to 6pm) - Meyerton AFS
East Africa - 17725 (2pm to 5pm) - Woofferton UK
East Africa - 11620 (5pm to 6pm) - Al Dhabbaya UAE or Meyerton AFS
West Africa - 7505 (2pm to 6pm) - Ascension

A12 war:
1300-1600 17540 MEY 250 kW 005 deg to EaAF
1300-1700 7505 MEY 100 kW 005 deg to SoAF
1300-1700 17685 SKN 300 kW 160 deg to SoAF
1600-1700 11915 MEY 250 kW 005 deg to EaAF
73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, A-DX via wb, DXLD)

RTE Ireland Hurling final sports via Woofferton site? Only
single day special transmission

Dear Martin, East Africa - 17725 kHz (2pm to 5pm) [13-16 UT]
Woofferton? May WOF site on the RTE Ireland Hurling special schedule
TODAY Sept 8th and 22nd too? You can enlighten me? Regards de
(DF5SX Wolfgang, Stuttgart Germany, to Martin Goulding, Sept 8, via
DXLD)

Hi Wolfgang, I can confirm Woofferton will be broadcasting for the RTE
Hurling special today. It won't be on 17725 but 17820 between 1300-
1700 UT. Regards (Martin Goulding, via B,schel, ibid.)

So I heard that sports coverage from 1300 UT today on Woofferton UK
17820 kHz, but also additional on 17725 kHz too, latter with some
breaks in between. vy73 wolffy

17820 - Sept 8, 2013, at 1300-1330 UT noted

S=5-6 at Brisbane AUS remote unit
nil in Nara Japan
S=8 R2AA Russia remote SDR unit
S=9+30dB, best signal of all, in northern Sweden.
S=7 in Stockholm, and usual DSL breaks in rural capital area.
S=9+5dB in Greece
S=8 on Riviera Italy/France
S=9+20dB in Bruneck Pustertal Dolomiti
S=7 in Frickenhause3n south of Stuttgart
S=7 in Darmstadt GER
S=8 in NoAM, Rochester NY USA
(Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi dear Dave, in \\ to 17820 WOF, the 17725 kHz is still also on air

in \\, can you ask the Babcock team about that site? Signal is less strong on continental Europe than 17820. So I guess 17725 has a jump Hop from UAE or ASC? The 3 other Africa frequencies not heard in Europe:

7405 NIL

7500-7540 OTHR Broadband from China or Iran ?

7505 covered by Voice of Russia Hindi from Orzu TJK.

11620 not usable, due of powerhouse AIR English co-channel.

73 (wolfy 1429 UT Sept 8, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Way to go, RTE, not updating own website to show the change to 17820 instead of/addition to 17725. I noticed something on 17820 around 1300 but did not pursue it. As in:

<http://www.rte.ie/sport/features/2012/0904/336266-worldwide-all-ireland-finals-coverage-on-rte-radio/>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17820 kHz was putting a huge signal into my QTH. SINPO: 55555. Hurling finals coverage with occasional interruptions for commercials and news bulletins on the top of the hour. Any known transmitter sites for these broadcasts? (Georgi Bancov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ASCENSION ISL{?}/SOUTH AFRICA/U.K. RT... Radio sports specials on Sundays, Sept 8th, and 22nd. will broadcast the GAA All Ireland Hurling Final ON SHORTWAVE

A-13 SHORTWAVE FREQUENCIES FOR AFRICA

Both Finals throw in at 3.30pm Irish Time

Southern Africa	-	7405 kHz (2pm to 6pm)	[13-17 UT]	MEY 100kW 5deg
East Africa	-	17725 kHz (2pm to 5pm)	[13-16 UT]	MEY 250kW 5deg
East Africa	-	11620 kHz (5pm to 6pm)	[16-17 UT]	MEY 100kW 5deg
West Africa	-	7505 kHz (2pm to 6pm)	[13-17 UT]	probably from ASC

For info 17725 (250 kW), 7405 (100 kW) & 11620 (100 kW) are all from Meyerton, South Africa.

All Africa - 17820 kHz (2pm to 6pm) [13-17 UT] WOF 300kW 160deg
But also heard additional on Woofferton outlet 17820 kHz 300 kW. The punchy audio from WOF is because we know how to set up Optimods! Mart says it's a 300 kW transmission as well scheduled on a Marconi B6124.
(David Porter-UK, G4OYX via B,schel, DXLD)

17725 MEY was less strong here in Europe, compared to WOF 17820 kHz.

7405, -- just disturbed by STANAG digital signal on 7405 to 7408 kHz broadband range. At 17 UT noted still 7405 kHz from MEY on air - but

with "SW Radio Africa" program, regularly 17-19 UT on MEY 100kW 4880 kHz, multi announcements of station ID "SW Radio Africa" and frequency of 4880 kHz, broadcast time etc. 7405 kHz outlet from MEY ended late at 1702:37 UT, when TX cut off power.

11620 MEY transmission had very nice signal at last hour 16-17 UT, S=9+30dB, ended at 1659:47 UT. All Meyerton-AFS outlets had only slight echo signal delay of 1/10th second, when compared behind 17820 kHz U.K. Woofferton outlet.

7505 kHz - no detail information arrived so far, most probably a relay transmission from Ascension island installation towards West Africa.

Some observations:

7405 not heard in Europe at 13-15 UT daytime path time portion.

7405-7408 STANAG digital signal QRM.

7500-7540 OTHR Broadband signal from China or Iran?

7505 covered by Voice of Russia Hindi from Orzu TJK.

11620 MEY heard only in 16-17 UT hour, proper S=9+30dB in Europe.

Log of 17820 kHz WOF 300kW 13-17 UT Sept 8:

S=5-6 at Brisbane AUS remote unit

nil in Nara Japan

S=8 R2AA Russia remote SDR unit

S=9+30dB, best signal of all, in northern Sweden.

S=7 in Stockholm, and usual DSL breaks in rural capital area.

S=9+5dB in Greece

S=8 on Riviera Italy/France

S=9+20dB in Bruneck Pustertal Dolomiti, Italy

S=7 in Frickenhausen, south of Stuttgart GER

S=7 in Darmstadt GER

S=8 in NoAM, Rochester NY USA

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Regards de (Wolfgang df5sx, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1330 8 Sept: Excellent signal on 17820 kHz from RTE Radio One coverage on the All-Ireland Hurling finals. Commentary until 1345, followed by interruption for commercials and reading letters from listeners all

over the world, even one from Kampala, Uganda! RTE News at 1400 and more coverage on the finals afterwards. SINPO: 55555 (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17820, ENGLAND, RTE 1 Ireland via Woofferton, 1345-1515, Sep 8, tuned in to pre-match coverage of the All Ireland Hurling Final between Clare and Cork. News headlines at 1400 followed by some local ads. Match started at 1430 with halftime at 1507. A lot of excitement by the commentators. Fair to good signal (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. 15850, Galei Zahal, Aug 28 1309-1332, 25332, Hebrew, Music and talk, ID at 1328, SJ at 1330.

15850, Galei Zahal, Sep 08 1432-1441, 35333, Hebrew, Talk, SJ at 1438 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2327 Sept 9: Galei Zahal is off the air on 6885 kHz. Checked all other frequencies, including 6973, 7635, 9235, 10340, in case of a frequency change, but found nothing on them too (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. QSL: Italcable, 10000, QSL-card in 5 weeks for report with Italian stamps for return postage to Associazione Amici di Italcable, Via del Borgo 6, 55049 Viareggio (LU) (Kurt Enders, Bickenbach, Germany, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** JAPAN. Oklahoma TP DX 9/9/13 --- Fair TP signals from two NHK powerhouses this morning.

747, JOIB, man speaking in Japanese. Fair signal strength from 1151-1155. Barely audible by 1156. Best reception of JOIB in a long time.

774, JOUB, man speaking in Japanese. Faded in at 1145. Fair signal at 1146. Faded out at 1148.

Both signals faded away before local sunrise at 1209. Receiver: PL-310 with 7.5-inch ferrite loop. Good DX (Richard Allen, near Perry OK USA. IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD)

747 & 774 kHz, JBA carriers from the northwest, Sept 11 at 1149, no doubt the NHK powerhouses for the first time this season; also 828 at

1154. Meanwhile, quickly stepping thru the MW band on up to 1220 on 9 kHz spacings with off-tuned BFO to detect carriers, also found some on 1134 and 1152.

I had been looking for the NHKs several mornings, but maybe too early or too late. This is also prime time for 90 and 60m DX from PNG and Indonesia! Not to mention lots of Mexicans on 10-kHz spacings. Neighbor Richard N Allen out of Perry OK with a better antenna has also been hearing the NHKs for a few days shortly before our sunrises, currently in Enid 1211 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 3945, Radio Nikkei Two, 1213 popular Japanese songs, 1216 man with iR-N-Two ID and back to music. Poor, QRM from ham net, Sept 5 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, parked beside the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 3945, Sept 5 at 1145, singing on AM underneath LSB hams provokes visions of Vanuatu; much weaker and not // 3925 R. Nikkei 1 which is strong enough to discourage American hams. On 3945 ham discussion of cancerous pancreas not being suitable for transplant. 1158 the music goes to Japanese announcement so it's only R. Nikkei 2, now much better as hams are away, accordion music past 1200 hourtop with no timesignal. But at 1207 another ham net is underway [see U S A].

I had thought Nikkei-2 on 3945 signed off much earlier. Yes, it did, as in WRTH 2013 until 0605* Sun-Thu, 0900* Fri & Sat (meaning UT Sat & Sun?), but current Aoki shows as of July 1 until 1400* M-F, 0900* Sat & Sun. 3945 is 10 kW ND from the Chiba-Nagara site,

But the confusing situation on 3925, assuming Aoki is correct about Japan info: 50 kW from Chiga-Nagara at 64 degrees, *2155-1500* daily, but *also* simulcast from the 10 kW ND Nemuro site starting at *0800 until: 1200* Sat/Sun, 1330* Mon-Thu, and 1415* Fri (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, They have been on the new schedule since June 24; a day I happened to log them (please see below). Believe my item did not make it into DXLD (Ron Howard, CA, Sept 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3945, R. Nikkei-2 (RN2). Have noticed since June 24, RN2 has been broadcasting weekday (Mon-Fri) with a greatly expanded schedule. Checking the Web I found they indeed do have a new schedule; 2300 to 1400 UT. New Website
<http://www.radionikkei.jp/rn2/>

They have entirely revamped their weekday format which started June 24; now with the nickname iRN2i, they are targeting Japanese business people. So during weekdays it will now be very difficult (impossible?) to hear Radio Vanuatu! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) If omitted, certainly oversight (gh)

Hi Glenn, Cannot say I ever noticed anything unusual with R. Nikkei-1 reception on 3925. Is normally good here in Calif. I can check Saturday to see if they run up to 1415* and will check audio.

For over a month, I have been checking for R. Vanuatu on weekends after RN2 goes off (0900*), but so far only heard assume them with below threshold level open carrier (not a ham). Only having two days to check for them certainly cuts down the odds of hearing a good day from them. RN2 has certainly encroached onto the long standing Vanuatu schedule (Ron Howard, Monterey CA, Sept 6, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. 17540, Sept 8 at 2130, NHK World R·dio Jap,,o opening Brazuguese service, VG via WHRI. I think it's now safe to say this is the best signal from R. Japan in North America (at least beyond the skip zone from Furman), since NHK abandoned English to us; so all you have to do is learn a little Portuguese (I already have). Probably a lot of the features are exact translations of what you would hear in English, anyway. I used to hear Spanish and English topix running // within a few seconds of each other on the evening relays (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KIRIBATI. For your listening pleasure, another aircheck/recording of Radio Kiribati AM 1440. Operating with 10,000 Watts from about 1000 miles south of Hawaii. I got another aircheck on CD via regular mail today and thought I'd share it with others.

Here's the link to the 50 minute recording:
http://www.onairdj.com/RadioKiribati_1440Khz_August2013.mp3

Radio Kiribati only does one hour of English programming each night at 6 pm. A few notes of interest from my point of view. To a person like me who isn't up on languages, it sounds as if the Kiribati language has some hints of some Asian language like Japanese/Chinese almost.

When they go from Kiribati language programming, there isn't any kind of large break to break it up a bit; they separate the two by just a quick bit of bed music. The bed music almost sounds like something from the "Titanic" movie.

When they do English programming, Radio Kiribati plays just almost entirely country music. Of all american music, country, pop, rock and

roll or contemporary pop, it seems that country is the most popular. At least that's what I gather from my contact with stations in the Atlantic and Pacific ocean areas. Station Managers in Nauru, Federated States Of Micronesia & Saint Helena have all told me country music is HUGE there. Enjoy! (Paul Walker, IRCA via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. D.P.R., 3219.923, KCBS program in Korean via old Pyongyang site is still on odd frequency, not BBEF [new Chinese] units erected there. Noted at 1345 UT Sept 7, at S=8 strength level heard in Nara remote receiver unit (Wolfgang B. Schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 11 via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 11710, Sept 10 at 1311, VOK is doing a fine job of multi-tasking, English atop but not far below, also in Chinese, and below that Juche jamming noise. Just Chinese and jam on 11735 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 6270, Sept 8 at 1145, fair signal but lo modulation in talk, unID language. Nothing in HFCC, but EiBi has it: MND Radio at 1100-1140. Plenty of NK jammers mid-4 and higher on 6 MHz but not here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. Dear Glenn, Radio Kuwait heard on 15515 at 1800 today instead of the usual 15540. Frequency change or punching error? Icom 751 Dipole antenna (Manikant Lodaya, Karnataka, South India, Sept 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15540, Sept 7 around 2030, R. Kuwait English service with rock music, 2050 news, but about to fade out. Checking this because on the day before, Sept 6, Manikant Lodaya, Karnataka, South India, wrote, ``Dear Glenn, Radio Kuwait heard on 15515 at 1800 today instead of the usual 15540. Frequency change or punching error? Icom 751 Dipole antenna`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Kuwait heard Sept 8 at 1825 on usual 15540 with a powerful signal. Regards (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15515, R. Kuwait, Sep 10 0735-0750, 35333, Arabic, Arabic music and talk, ID at 0738 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 9835, RTV Malaysia, Kajang, 1118 September 8, 2013. Presumably an FM relay [from Sarawak], with Malay male DJ, Malaypop. Very good (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; JPS NF-60 Notch Filter;

JPS ANC-4 Noise Phase; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. All I'm hearing now (2245 EST [sic, presumably means EDT = 0245 UT Sept 9]) is a man chanting the Koran on 783 kHz with good audio. I was thinking Mauritania, but they've always had low audio, so somebody else, like Syria? (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, SDR-IQ, 40' long flag, 15 feet high. E-W, UT Sept 9, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

This is strange. To me, their audio has always been at a good modulation level; No sign of Syria yet on 783, here at least. Here's a sample recorded nearly two years to the day (09/06/2011) and to my ears, the audio level hasn't changed since:

http://www.quebecdx.com/mauritania_783a.mp3

Should add that the reception quality could vary for sure, but nevertheless, the audio is generally breaking through at a fair level for me here (Sylvain Naud, QC, ibid.)

September (so far) isn't really sounding all that much better than the middle of the summer. Just typical "big guns" in the report this time around. [including:]

783 | R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, SEP 9 0200 - a cappella male Arabic vocal across the top of the hour; fair (Marc Connelly, South Yarmouth, Cape Cod, MA, USA, (GC= 41.6931 N / 70.1912 W) (= 41° 41.59' N / 70° 11.47' W), Receiver: Microtelecom Perseus; Antenna: west-null cardioid-pattern Superloop, 9 m vertical by 15 m horizontal, base height 1.5m, IRCA via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 540, Sept 8 at 1149 UT, immediate ID upon tune-in as ``La Ranchera de PaquimÉ`` on AM and FM, back to music. That's XETX, 1000/250 watts in Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, per Cant' (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 550, Sept 11 at 1212 UT, Mexican music, losing out to KFRM by 1214. No doubt the only NW Mexican, XEPL, Cd. Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua, 5/0.15 kW per Cant'. That's one with some Low German, but no announcements heard today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 560, Sept 8 at 1151 UT, after song lyrics ``alma de niôa, cuerpo de diosa``, ID mentions 93-3, so only match there in Cant' is: 560 XEXZ Lupe + FM 93.3 Zacatecas, Zac. 5,000 1,000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 570, Sept 8 at 0520 UT, Mexican music is dominating, southwest-ish, then PAN ad, next break 0524 a promo for Monterrey Televisiûn, so it's XEBJB, supposedly 500 watts night per WRTH 2013 and IRCA Mexican Log 2012 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 610, Sept 10 at 0548 UT, promo for 106.1 FM, maybe ``La G-S``, what a nice FM/AM match, as in Cant`:

610 XEGS La Ley + FM 106.1 Guasave, Sinaloa 1,000 500
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 620, Sept 9 at 1205 UT, Mexican NA goes to Chihuahua SA, so as expected, XEBU, dominant XE on 620 here; Cant`: 620 XEBU La Norteña + FM 91.7 Chihuahua, Chih. 5,000 1,000
Tho this time it's under sports talk in English, surely KTAR Phoenix; my nearest 620, KMIK Plano TX Disney (hijacked from KWFT Wichita Falls), is easily overcome, tho on daytime groundwave it conspires with 640 Moore to inundate 630 with IBOC noise; otherwise Denver or St Louis might barely make it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 660, Sept 10 at 1207 UT, some Mexican is playing ``Mañanitas``; 1209 TC for ``6:07 en La Lupe``, i.e. per Cant`: 660 XEACB La Lupe + FM 98.9 Cd. Delicias, Chih. 3,000 1,000
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 670, Sept 9 at 1201 UT, just as I start SRS MW session, ID as ``Radio Ranchito, del Grupo Radio México``, revealed by Cant` as: 670 XETOR Radio Ranchito Torreón, Coah. 1,000 250
This signal quite weak compared to many more XEs still skywaving in the low band from further west (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 680, Sept 11 at 1210 UT, local wakeup host with saludos a pescadores, ganadores (fishers, cattle-raisers), mentions Guasave, norte de Sinaloa, so it's XEORO again, 1/0.5 kW per Cant`. 1212 promo a Saturday show at 11:30-1; 1215 losing to sportstalk in English, presumably KNBR (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 710, Sept 11 at 1210 UT, discussion of August (or Sept?) 4+ Richter earthquakes near Parral and Jiménez [short versions of town names], no doubt usual XEDP in Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahuas, 7/0.1 kW per WRTH (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 870, Sept 8 at 1206 UT tune-in, talk in Indian language, but pronounces XETAR in Spanish; soon live YL DJ back in Spanish mentions La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara, which is in Guachochi, Chihuahua (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 870, Sept 10 at 1213, obviously XETAR, Chihuahua, playing a ``Mañanitas`` version by Chipmunks (doublepitch voices), hee hee, including English ``happy birthday to you`` twice or thrice. So there's another exotic language on this indigenous station (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. UNIDENTIFIED. 880, Sept 10 at 1215 UT, ``La Rancherita de -
--`` slogan, CST TC for 6:14, YL DJ, then 6:15 TC and federal PSA for
reforma educativa, so no doubt it's a Mexican. Zone means it has to be
a change for one of these two in Cant':

880 XEV Radio F rmula + FM 101.7 Chihuahua, Chih. 5,000 250

880 XEPNK Planeta + FM 103.5 Los Mochis, Sin. 10,000 2,000

The ``Rancherita`` in Los Mochis is listed as 1450, XECU which might
have swapped; however, Cant' has no Chihuahua-city AM or FM stations
by that name, so it's a market ripe for its own Rancherita. At this
time there was not much KRVN from north but nulled it anyway.

Not to be confused with mere non-diminutive ``La Ranchera``, newish
identity of WMDB in Nashville TN on 880 as heard yesterday a few
minutes earlier. One is relying on neither station ever varying its
slogan (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1000, Sept 6 at 0600 UT, choral NA playing here too, and it
too is over by 0602 retune when back to other music; at times
dominating KTOK OKC, and from experience I know this one is XEFV in
Ju rez, no daytimer despite Cant' as such; altho there are another
Chihuahuan and two Sinaloans also in UT -6 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1030, Sept 6 at 0600 UT, choral national anthem, with CCI
and SAH, already over at 0602 retune and may have missed an ID. I was
hoping there would be only one XE in the UT-6 zone since NA habitually
plays at local midnite (except UT Mondays when it may accompany
earlier `La Hora Nacional' instead), but IRCA and Cant' show there are
two: XEYC in Ju rez, Chihuahua, and XEMPM in Los Mochis, Sinaloa
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1180, Sept 8 at 1218 UT, pause in music for nothing but a
``6:17`` TC in Spanish, with N/S Omaha nulled, but avoiding IBOC noise
from E/W KFAQ 1170 Tulsa only by off-tuning to 1178 or 1179. In Cant'
there are two in the UT-6 zone:

1180 XEUBS Radio UABCS La Paz, B.C.S. 10,000 D

1180 XEJK Ke buena + FM 95.3 Cd. Delicias, Chih. 5,000 1,500

Likely the latter as it unseemed non-commercial. Soon faded out (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 2910, Sept 5 at 1134 UT, M&W alternating with local news in
Spanish, peaks around 1137, fading 1140 with timecheck as they go into
ads with music bits. Awake early enough today a semihour before local
sunrise, I again seek this regular third harmonic as heard last season
from XEVT, 970, Villahermosa, Tabasco, surely same again with
recognizable format. Still fighting atmospheric noise level and local
line noise or something cutting on and off. This was first heard Dec
28, 2012 as in DXLD 13-01, then frequently logged in Jan, Feb and Mar,

last heard April 27. DST schedule is approx 10-05 UT.

2910, Sept 11 at 1131 UT, M&M (instead of usual W&M) with news in Spanish vs noise level, and those annoying on-and-off local bursts every few minutes at 1134 and 1137; 1135 a bit stronger with 6:35 timecheck; 1138 mentions industria petrolera; 1139 peak with a string of addresses mentioning Villahermosa. XEVT, 3 x 970, Tabasco is indeed still here for another season. Tnx to VL8T staying on 4910, now it's easy to home in on 2910 which is 2 MHz lower on the FRG-7 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. RE: XEZ-3 comments in 2012

Glenn, As you know, I have great respect for you and the good work you do for DXers. I have appreciated your useful articles and reports since the late 1960s.

I took some time off from DXing last year, and I missed some reports on tvfmdxlist and other sources during that time. Recently, I ran across July 2012 reports in which you state that (in your opinion) XEZ-3 Cerro Culiacan GTO and XEZ-3 Cerro El Zamorano QRO use the same transmitter. You use the fact that Doug's data shows only the Zamorano station as evidence that there is only one XEZ-3.

I'm sorry, but I disagree with you about XEZ-3. I don't think those are the same station (transmitter).

Your comments from:

<http://contatodx.blogspot.com/2012/0...8-10-2012.html>

"UT July 10 0016 on 3, finally a supered local ID I can read at upper-right in white, stays on long enough during upfade:

XEZ-TV / C. Culiacan Gto, during net-2 novela.

W9WI reconfirms the only XEZ on 3 is: 50 kW in Zamorano, Querétaro.

The C. stands for Cerro, or mountain peak. This transmitter I have seen for some 50 years; its location has been referred to as El Zamorano or Querétaro, but as in the ID, the actual site is atop that mountain, which Googling shows is WSW of Qro. city and closer to the SW of Celaya, Guanajuato. Elevation is 2820m.

Not, of course to be confused with the totally different Culiacan city = ciudad in Sinaloa which also has a channel 3, XHQ with local origination, and also frequently DXed. Photo matching what I saw:

<http://tvdxexpo.com/tvsguan.html>

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Your comments from

<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/article....20727111530478>

"BTW, checking out Danny Oglethorpe's

<http://tvdxtips.com/multitransmitter.html>

this shows a recent log of mine, XEZ-3 with C. Culiacan text ID seen, is a separate transmitter from another XEZ-3 in nearby Zamorano, QuerÉtaro. Altho both IDs may be seen at times, I still have my doubts that there are two separate transmitters, as the mountaintop one should also serve Qro, with the same net-5 which would otherwise interfere with each other (unless terrain blockage??)."

While my knowledge of Mexico and Mexico TV is limited, years of experience with Mexico TV DX has taught me a few things. In fact, during the last fifteen years, I have put most of my DXing time into IDing Mexico TV stations. Yet, every time I log a new TV station from Mexico, it is with some trepidation - due to my realization that IDing Mexico TV stations is very difficult and very tricky.

At the same time, my take on this situation could be wrong.

My opinion is based on the following points:

1) Fernando García told me in the early 2000s (when Televisa and Azteca stations began using those small text IDs in conjunction with new transmitters) that the locations on Mexico TV text IDs are transmitter locations. Hence, locations on IDs such as Cerro Las Lajas, Cerro Burro, and Palmasola. Jeff Kruszka put a good amount of time into locating some of those places before good Internet resources were common.

2) Doug's "TV News" in the September 1999 VUD contains the following about a multiple transmitter situation at XHVT-54: "Fernando says both Televisa and Azteca frequently do this, adding second or third transmitters on the same channel..."

3) There are numerous unknown, unlisted, unofficial TV transmitters in Mexico that are *not* on the official Cofetel-SCT government lists. Doug uses government information, which means some Mexico TV stations are missing from his otherwise-excellent data. (Network status is also incorrect for some Mexico TV stations.) Cant' does show a few of the unknown stations on his site.

As a matter of fact, one of the stations reported in your DX reports is unofficial: XHCNL-2 Saltillo COAHUILA (MTY TV). Per information provided by Fernando years ago, that station was a XEFB-2 relay in the past. It has never been listed on Doug's site, yet it has been logged by many other DXers (including Jeff Kadet and Ed Phelps).

An unknown channel 6 translator of XHDY-5 Chiapas is often reported by

DXers in the South. Louisiana DXer Mike Perron has even received an unofficial XEFB-2 translator a number of times on channel 59.

4) Due to rough terrain, close-spacing and directional antenna patterns are common in Mexico. Consider the distance between XEFB-2 Monterrey and XHCNL-2 Saltillo.

5) It is my understanding that Cerro El Zamorano QRO and Cerro Culiac·n GT0 are *not* the same location. In looking at my "Guía Roji Gran Atlas de Carreteras," Zamorano is north of the city of QuerÈtaro, while Cerro Culiac·n is near Cortazar and Celaya GT0.

6) As few people live near those mountainside locations, why would a station even want to ID as "C. Culiac·n" rather than Celaya; "Las Lajas" rather than Jalapa; or "Atenquique JAL" rather than the city of Colima? The answer is that transmitter location is used rather than City of Service.

These are locations from the XEZ text IDs that I've seen in recent years (all numerous times, in fact). I think each one has its own transmitter.

XEZ-2 QuerÈtaro QRO

XEZ-2 San Miguel de Allende GT0 (My most-common XEZ ID)

XEZ-3 Cerro Culiac·n GT0

XEZ-3 Zamorano QRO

(Danny Ogleshorpe, Shreveport LA, Sept 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Danny, Tnx for such a detailed analysis of this convoluted situation. I would certainly defer to your conclusions, and will put this in the next DX Listening Digest. Too bad there is no authoritative official source for exactly where all these are. Tnx also for keeping your very useful website going! 73, (Glenn to Danny, via DXLD)

Glenn, Here is something to think about. According to coordinates from Doug's site for XHLGT-2 LeÙn GT0 (cdc) and XEZ-2 Guanajuato GT0, the distance is a mere 18 (eighteen) miles using the FCC site and the Indonesia site! Using a ruler on the Guanajuato map in my Mexico state atlas, the distance (from center of city to center of city) is about 25 miles! In other words, that is a very short distance.

These are the XEZs from Cant''s site, Doug's site, and my own DXing:

Cant''s site:

2 XEZ San Miguel de Allende, Gto.

2 XEZ QuerÈtaro, Qro.

3 XEZ Guanajuato, Gto.

3 XEZ QuerÈtaro, Qro. 50,000 watts

Doug's site

2 XEZ-TV Cd. Guanajuato, GN 20,000

3 XEZ-TV Zamorano, QT 50,000

Locations from the XEZ text IDs that I've seen in recent years.

2 XEZ San Miquel de Allende GTO (My most-common XEZ ID)

2 XEZ Querétaro QRO

3 XEZ Cerro Culiacán GTO

3 XEZ Zamorano QRO

(Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport LA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MICRONESIA. 4755+, Sept 5 at 1154, music is audible from PMA The Cross, and timed its cutoff today at 1158:14*; no tones heard but very weak. Ron Howard measured this Aug 24 on 4755.52 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755.4, The Cross Radio 1126 English, preacher. Very weak, Sept 8 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in the pre-dawn hours, beside the lake and in my car, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna. Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at <http://www.odxa.on.ca/dxldyg> via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Some footprints noted in Nara JPN and Brisbane AUS [remote receivers], at present Sept 9 at 1000 UT:

4755.528, The Cross Radio - but OTHR 4738-4853 - not Codar.

vy73 wb (Wolfgang B. schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[4755+], PMA The Cross was best audio ever at 1130 this morning, and that's what I'll be on at 1100 on 9/10. If The Cross is inaudible, I'll check 4910 (Gerry Bishop, FL, Sept 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755.5, Sept 11 at 1157 PMA The Cross with music, cut off automatically at 1158:10.5* and I barely hear the DTMF tones which cue the cut (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. Sabato 31 agosto 2013, 0901 - 9579v, MEDI 1 ancora spenta. Forse tornerà a 9575? (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, 5 Sept, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD)

[and non]. /RUSSIA, Radio Medi was not on the air at 1630 UT on 9579 kHz on Aug 30, also only odd carrier was on LW 170 wailing with V of Russia. Resuming on Sep 2 at 0400 with news in Arabic only on 171 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Sept 9, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 11 via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD)

No signal from Radio Mediterranée 1 on September 1: [WAS:]

0000-2400 on 9579.2 NAD 250 kW / 110 deg to CEAF Arabic/French

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST 13-36 via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, 13-37)

9579.15, Sept 5 at 0447, no signal from MÈdi 1, altho neighboring Spain is in well on 9620, 9535. Luca Botto Fiora, Italy first reported this absent as of August 31. Another one gone for good? Other Nador transmitters had previously dropped off, like 15345v (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 5915, Myanmar Radio, 1440-1457, Sept 11. Their Distance Learning Service with an interesting business lecture in vernacular with some bits in English (iorganization, î ijob performance, î iused as reference points, î iindustrial organizational psychology, î etc.); much better than normal with the usual CRI QRM also on frequency (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS. RADIO NETHERLANDS WORLDWIDE LAUNCHES "FLAGSHIP" WEBSITE | Text of report in English by Radio Netherlands Worldwide (RNW) website on 6 September; subheadings as published

It's visual, powerful and personal, and it highlights the impact RNW is generating. RNW's new website is online.

After enormous changes over the past year, the fledgling rnw.org is the flagship, highlighting top stories from all our regional desks. The current rnw.org is just a small taste of what will grow into a site reflecting the energy, innovation and creativity of the new RNW.

Regular visitors will know that a huge cut in budget last year and new parameters for our mission as a public broadcaster have led to a distinct change in our focus. We honour the 65-year history of Radio Netherlands Worldwide and hope fans of the "old" RNW will also become loyal fans of its successor.

Defending free speech

RNW.org will be a reflection not only of what we now do, but why we do it and what impact it has. Our mission statement reads:

"RNW defends and promotes free speech through independent journalism and the use of new media. We create thought-provoking content with and for young people from all around the globe and organise a safe space for them to form opinions and tell their stories. We engage with a young generation who are unable or are prevented from doing this for themselves."

The new site will show how we translate those words into solid action.

Take a look

Large parts of <http://rnw.org> are still under construction, but as a preview please visit rnw.org and check out a selection of top stories from the different regions where we work. If you're looking for practical information about RNW, you'll find it here <http://corporate.rnw.nl/English>

Working feverishly on building and filling the new site, we hope to have it completed before the end of October. So please, bookmark us and check back soon for the latest developments.

You'll find regular updates about the progress of the site on Facebook and via Twitter, if you're not already a follower, please join us.

If you have any comments or suggestions, we'd love to hear them, you can mail us at info@rnw.nl Or leave a comment on our Facebook page. Source: Radio Netherlands website, Hilversum, in English 6 Sep 13 (via BBCM Sept 9 via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 7375, UT Sunday Sept 8 at 0054, The Mighty KBC, good with rock music on new fall/winter frequency ex-9925 as of last week, via Nauen, GERMANY (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria em DRM --- Muito bem copiada agora (1900 UT) em 15120 kHz. A transmiss o feita em Abuja com um transmissor TSW2300D de 100 kW numa antena cortina   dirigida para a Europa mas chega bem aqui em Sete Lagoas MG! Como   16/16 QAM, bastam 10 dB de SNR para decodificar 100%. Chega aqui com mais de 19 dB SNR. Com dipolo para 20m+IC725+SDRZero:
<http://www.qsl.net/py4zbz/sdr/sdrz.htm#drm>
73 de (Roland PY4ZBZ, 6 Sept, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

But after all that, the input modulation quality is as poor as when in the AM mode, they say. Do you agree? (gh, DXLD)

Nigeria on 9690 kHz at 2045-2100 UT on 8 Sept 2013 --- I heard this unexpected broadcast in what sounded like Hausa, with several mentions of "Nigeria" and some short Afropop music pieces. Finally at 2100 there was a distinctive African wind instrument segment which I've heard in the past on the Voice of Nigeria, and then the station went off the air (Bruce Fisher (New York, USA / Palstar R30CC, loop antenna), Sept 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. e-QSL received Sept 5 from Radio Casablanca, now at <http://www.w4uvh.net/Casablanca.jpg>
design is from movie posters, for this report last year as in DXLD:

``6939.7-AM, Dec 16 at 2238 a pirate signal is here, 2240 ID as Radio Casablanca, e-mail; playing old WWII tunes at the same time as 'Marion's Attic' on WBCQ 7490, but no BBCCCI here. Bits sound like old-time radio, then song about the Maginot Line; 2245 ``Animal Crackers`` by Shirley Temple; 2248 ``Three Little Fishies``; 2250 flash from United Press: Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor; 2251 another Radio Casablanca ID, FDR's ``day which will live in infamy`` address to Congress; 2259 ID and ``Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition``; 2304 ``Remember Pearl Harbor``; 2307 ID email as radiocasablanca1@gmail.com and 2313 ``Bugle Boy``; 2316 ID & e-mail; 2318 ``I'll Be Seeing You``; 2328 ID and e-mail again, dramatic bit; 2345 still on but at next check 2355 it's off. Nothing about Casablanca or Morocco heard other than the name. Sufficient signal of S9+12, and making C# above middle C het with 6940 reference = 278 Hz, so about 6939.72 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Accompanied by note: ``Glenn, Thank you for your reception report on Radio Casablanca from late last year. A long-overdue eQSL is attached.

After many, many months of confinement in a Nazi labor camp, manufacturing faulty artillery shells, I recently managed to escape and make my way back to Morocco with the aid of members of the resistance.

I sincerely apologize for the long delay. War is hell, and prison is no picnic either. We will make every effort to answer future reception reports in a more timely manner, verifying reports with one of our series of four full-data eQSLs. Thanks for listening! Richard Blaine, American``

Tnx, Rick! He had just carried out another broadcast which I only heard about after it was over (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6940 AM, PIRATE, Radio Casablanca, *0057-0226+, 09-04-13. SI0: 444. Sign on with IS of La Marseillaise, then full French NA 0101. ID, email address of radiocasablanca1@gmail.com Played bits from the movie Casablanca and music from that era by Dick Haynes, Inkspots, Benny Goodman, etc. Good reception throughout (Chris Lobdell, Stoneham MA 02180, Eton E1, NRD-545; G5RV, 40 Meter Dipole, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6940-AM, Sept 11 at 0117, weak pirate music mixing with RTTY. Check <http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,12555.0.html> to see if anyone IDed it: Yes, Rockpicker heard it as ``Liquid Radio`` at 0200, and off at 0248 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6950 AM, PIRATE, Metro Radio International, 0013-0056*, 09-04-13. SI0: 232. Rock and pop music, banter between OM/YL. Live version of a Depeche Mode tune 0038, clear Metro ID, 0045 (Chris Lobdell, Stoneham MA 02180, Eton E1, NRD-545; G5RV, 40 Meter Dipole, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. A very interesting week of activity which is nice to hear. Band conditions seem to have improved due to the approach of the terminator moving south and darkness is earlier. Pirates:

Partial India Radio

6950-USB, Sept 9. 0307-0332* UT. Harold Krishna and Sanjay with a humorous program of dialogue and pointed fun to a few especially about a DXer and Glenn Hauser G Rating. Give the e-mail address at s/off as haroldkrishnapir@gmail.com off with Indian Pop tune. (SI0-3,5/4)

The CBS Late Movie Radio & QSL

6925-USB, Sept 7. 0302-0342* UT. Program of songs such as "Good, Bad and Ugly" Johnny Rivers "Poor side of town", Paul Revere and the Raiders with "Kicks", Vikki Carr "It must be Him" and Gerry and the Pacemakers, "Ferry Cross the Mersey. Gone at 0342. Posted this log on the HFU HF Underground website and received a QSL E-mail reply within 24 hours from the operator saying it was his station. The CBS*-Cinena-by-Shortwave Late Movie. Many thanks for the clarification and the e-mail QSL verification. (SI0-3,5,3)

Pirate Radio Boston

6925-USB, Sept 10. 0309-04:05* UT. Relayed via Partial India Radio, the 20th anniversary special for Pirate Radio Boston with Caribbean Calypso Music by Bob Farley. Gave the e-mail address at the end of the Broadcast as piateradioboston@gmail.com and finally selection (SI0-4,5,4/3)

Red Mercury Labs

6930-USB, Sept 9. 0349-0425 t/out. A great program of with music by a-ha "Take on Me", Peter Dinklage and Rocket Max, Cold Play with "Let's Talk". Station announcer was wondering if any reports from the west coast, mentioned 6930 in Upper Side Band mode a lot, and promotion for the Free Radio cafe. Did mention that "if you want that QSL card and the rest muffled so I don't know whether he is offering one for a report but he did thank the many who wrote emailed him and posted reports. (SI0-3/4, 5, 3)

QSL: 6950-USB, Partial India Radio: received a very nice e-mail response from Harold Krishna on my in depth report and attached a QSL photo of I believe to be Samjay swimming with a sewing machine in a river. This was received within eight hours of posting my e-mail report to this address: haroldkrishnapir@gmail.com

(Edward Kusalik - Daysland, Alberta, Sept 11, Drake R8A Digital Communications Receiver. Antenna: Trap-sloper, cut for 6955 kHz, pointed due south, 1:1 Matching Balun top feed, with 60-meter long wire, top feed for radial effect. Coordinators:
Latitude: 52 degrees 51' 48" North
Longitude: 112 degrees 15' 14" West
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORWAY. LLE-3 5895 kHz USB

Prøv om dere hører oss i kveld! Med LLE-3 er vi nå på luften på 5895 kHz USB i 49-meteren. Ca. 45 watt. 1314 kHz følger snart. NB: Det er fremdeles gamle annonseringer. Nye vil være på plass neste uke.
Lytterapporter til: styret @ bergenkringkaster.no

Try if you hear us tonight! With LLE-3, we are now on the air on 5895 kHz USB in the 49-meter band. App. 45 watts. 1314 kHz will follow soon. Note: We still broadcast old announcements. New and updated will be in place next week. Reports to: styret @ bergenkringkaster.no

More broadcasts soon. If you would like a QSL please send us preferably Norwegian Stamps (Svenn Martinsen, Norway, LKB LLE Bergen Kringkaster/Radio Northern Star, Sept 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: Northern Star Media, Norway gets licence for short and medium wave broadcasts

Svenn Martinsen on Facebook reported on the Arctic Radio Club group that the station made brief tests last night on 1314 and 5895. More broadcasts are planned next week and perhaps earlier (Mike Barraclough, England, Sept 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LKB LLE is test broadcasting all day on LLE-3 5895 kHz USB in the 49 meter band Shortwave from an inverted "V"-antenna. Power 50 watts. We use dual voice IDs in English and Norwegian, jingles and morse idents. Sign off 2000 UTC 2200 CET. Reception reports as sound files in mp3 to: styret@bergenkringkaster.no. 1314 kHz will follow in due course. Chief engineer is LA7CFA Jøystein Ask (Svenn Martinsen, LKB LLE, Box 100 [sic], Sept 11, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Svenn Martinsen writes on Facebook: 11 September 2013

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See

<http://main.northernstar.no/index.php/en/lkb-lle-bergen-broadcasting-station>
(Mike Terry, England, 0713 UT Sept 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Regarding the website Svenn has now told me that "the website of the tx site LKB LLE is <http://www.bergenkringkaster.no/> and the ham station there has <http://www.lalask.no/>

What is now Northern Star Media Services AS (Radio Northern Star) has of course <http://www.northernstar.no/> What you found is our Presentation document a few seconds ago "

Svenn has just added: [0823 UT Sept 11] Yes, we are test broadcasting all day on 5895 Khz USB from LKB LLE over LLE-3 via inverted "V" , 50 watts USB. Currently heard in Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Ireland and Belgium. You might like to try via ETGD's SDR radio and PA0RDT's mini-whip in Twente, Holland on : <http://websdr.ewi.utwente.nl:8901/>
(via Mike Terry, ibid.)

LLE-3 Modulated CW ID's and voice well heard in Ireland at 0745 GMT on 5895 kHz. 11 September (Brock Whaley, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just heard them around 0930 UT testing in slow CW, sending LKB / LLE ID on 5895 USB (5895.55 CW). Weak signal but good readable. Would be too weak for getting a readable AM/SSB signal. Now at 1130 signal on 5895 kHz USB is getting a bit stronger. Besides morse IDs for LLE / LKB I now also can hear spoken USB announcements and some music. Btw.: 5895 LSB most of the time is blocked by digimode signal. 73 (Harald Kuhl, DL1ABJ, QTH Goettingen/Germany. Sept 11, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 930, Sept 8 at 1156 UT, WKY OKC is already in Sunday-morning English talkshow instead of Indomable Spanish music; I thought English started at 1200. Guest from Paragon Fine Homes emphasizing safe rooms vs tornadoes, and homes made of concrete instead of wood for durability, no termite threat either. Hard to tell if this is a genuine pubaffs show or infomercial; the host is so enthusiastic about the product. Continues past 1200, and at next check 1212 another topic, 6-week seminar on relationships at Chapel Hill UM Church (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1300, Sept 8 at 1222 UT, KAKC Tulsa Sunday-morning pubaffs ghetto show with guest from the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, about their Restaurant Week promotion; see TulsaRW on Facebook. Then I am hearing the same show but far from synchrony, on co-owned otherwise sports stations, 1430 KTBZ. THEN, it sounds like the same show yet again and unsynchronized on 1170 KFAQ, which is not co-owned (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, Radio Sultanate of Oman, Thumrait. 1359 September 8, 2013. Tune-in to current pop tart song, segued into two more, then male DJ, iÖ 90.4 FMÖ PowerÖThe Nationís StationÖî, female announcer, faux Big Ben chimes from 1430:05, then UK-accented female news (iFirst, the headlinesî over music bed) until 1438, then back to English pop vocals. Politely allowed the pop vocal to end at 1501:28 before going into Arabic programming. Nice signal (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; JPS NF-60 Notch Filter; JPS ANC-4 Noise Phase; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1420 8 Sept: Radio Sultanate de Oman is putting a huge signal on 15140 kHz. English service with a kind of a radio play. In the recent months, the signal of Oman's all transmissions improved drastically. It seems they have done some work on their antenna systems or have increased power. All their transmissions are putting huge signal into my QTH, no matter what band or time of the day. However, the 15140 kHz broadcast is suffering from splatter from the IRIB VOIRI scratchy audio on 15150 kHz which is even stronger (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, R. Sultanate of Oman, Sep 08 1415-1432, 25332, English, Talk and music and news, Gongs and ID at 1430 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

New broadcasts for Radio Sultanate of Oman. First noted on Sep. 10: 0400-1000 on 9540 THU 100 kW / 220 deg to EaAf Arabic, very weak signal* *QRM REE Spanish till 0500 and Radio Algerienne Arabic 0500-0600 on 9535 (Ivo Ivanov, DX Re Mix News 798, Sept 11 via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. 15730, R. Pakistan, Aug 29 1157-1208, 35333, Chinese, IS, Koran, ID, Opening announce, Koran (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Pre-sunrise check of 90 meters Sept 5 from 1144: 3385 is best, also carriers on 3365, 3325, 3260; none on 3345 or 3205. Recheck at 1201, 3385 is off, but 3365, 3345 and now best 3325 are still on (of course 3325 or 3345 could possibly be Indonesia), while 3260 Madang is again in NBC English news, this time cutting off abruptly at 1205:07* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3325, NBC Bougainville (presumed), 1209-1301*, Sept 5. Extraordinary

reception; probably my strongest reception ever due to RRI Palangkaraya not propagating; DJ in Tok Pisin/Pidgin with dedications of pop western hit songs and pop Pacific Island songs (iThe First Cut Is The Deepest,i iJust When I Needed You Most,i etc.); several mentions of iprogram one-onei; many time checks; even with clear reception did not hear an ID, so seems they do not ID very often. Audio of this unique reception posted at <https://app.box.com/s/ruvjhvz31vosqkg6qu6z> (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 3325, NBC Bougainville 1158 pop music, 1202 jingle (maybe it was the one I heard later on 3365) and more music, 1203 man in Tok Pisin; RRI Palangkaraya with news audible under Bougainville. Poor, Sept 5.

3365, NBC Milne Bay, 1204 Tok Pisin and English, woman with NBC news, 1206 ads, followed by music, Poor. Again at 1249 and much better signal now, best of all PNGs today, in English with man hosting a quiz, phone-in callers; 1253 song after a caller correctly answered a question; 1258 promo for iReturn of the Golden Oldiesi, a fundraising event that will celebrate NBC's 40th anniversary in 2014; ID iNBC National Radio, the Voice of Papua New Guineai, i11 o'clock news coming upi; iReturn of the Golden Oldiesi promo again; I particularly noted that this will be a fundraising event for NBC, they said tickets were available, but I missed the date of the event; at 1301:30 into news. Fair-Good, Sept 5.

3260, NBC Madang, 1204 same NBC news as heard on 3365, off suddenly at 1205 s/off. Poor, Sept 5.

3345, presumed NBC Northern, 1211 music, but very weak signal; again at 1247 but still the weakest of all PNGs this morning. Sept 5 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, parked beside the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Good Morning Glenn: I've never had much luck logging PNGs but with the arrival of the Wellbrook loop I'm hoping to change that. This morning (9/6) I did log R. Milne Bay 3365 from 1150 to just past 1209. The audio was at best muffled. From 1150 to 1154 there was choral music; at 1155 a brief announcement by a woman; back to vocal music; at 1200 talk by both male and female voices; that talk continued past 1209 but this was not a conversation -- it was mostly a woman reading what I take to be news items. At about 1206 I checked 3325 Bougainville and that seemed to be in parallel with 3365. I never heard any clear ID from Milne Bay so I will have to record this as T. All of this gives me some hope that if I persist I might be able to

get some clear IDs to report. 73 (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK, Sept 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3365, R. Milne Bay (Presumed), 9/6, 1150-1209. talk by man at 1150; choral selection at 1154 and return to talk at 1155; another song at 1157; presumed ID at 12 and into talk by man and woman; not a conversation but alternately reading news items; still on past 1209; seemed to be in // with 3325 Bougainville when checked at 1205; this must be (Presumed) since I heard no clear IDs (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK, NRD-545, R-75 + Wellbrook loop & PAR EF-SWL sloper. Virtually all the logs this week have been done with the Wellbrook loop. It has done a superb job lowering the noise level here in my suburban RF swamp! NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3260, 3365, 3385 Sept 10 at 1148 are the only NBC carriers audible. 3385 is strongest at 1155, but off by 1200; 3365 is weakest at 1155; at 1200, 3260 is a bit stronger than 3365 still on. But I am paying most attention to 3325, which instead is INDONESIA, q.v.

NBC survey Sept 11 starting at 1143:

3260, Madang very poor with talk; 1202 YL with news in English, clips, cut off the air abruptly at 1205:04*.

3385, Rabaul with music at 1143, off before 1200*

3205, Vaimo and 3365 Alotau JBA carriers at 1143; no 3315, 3325, 3345 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also INDONESIA

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [non]. CHINA. 7325, CRI was off the air on Sept 6 and 7, when checking after 1300; leaving a totally free frequency; no trace of any Wantok Radio Light; Aoki shows CRI off the air from 1300 to 1357, with WRL being off the air (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PARAGUAY. 01. Colegas, Anteontem, dei uma leve passada pelas Ondas MEdias, e me deparei com o forte sinal da R·dio Nacional do Paraguai 920kHz. Sinal estourando aqui em Goi,nia SINPO 55555. Praticam ente sinal de emissora local. No primeiro momento, atÈ pensei ser uma nova emissora em Goi·s. Mas estava tocando muitas m'sicas "locais" paraguaias(muito diferente das m'sicas brasileiras) ent,,o parei, e fui ouvir, e constatei que era a R. Nacional. "tima programaÁ,,o.

UT: 920 kHz 08/09 2330, R. Nacional Del Praguay, m'sicas locais-paraguaias seguidas de vinheta "r·dio nacional paraguai". SINPO 555555 [sic] (·ssio Santos - Goi,nia-Goi·s, Receptores usados nessa escuta: Panasonic RF-3100/Sony ICF 6800A, Antenas dos prÓprios r·dios (ferrite), radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 4747 Radio Huanta 2000 (Huanta), 2318 UT Sept 9. Curandera responde a cartas que le envian personas que necesitan ayuda; también promociona su oficina (mesa de curacion) ubicada en Ayacucho, donde le pueden consultar. También se hace llamar "La Reina del Curanderismo", habla de curar problemas de amor. Anuncios publicitario y en quechua también, anuncios funerarios también, SINPO: 45334 (Marcos Cox, Vicuña, Chile, Receptor: Degen DE1103 + Antena Cable Largo 3 Metros, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PERU [and non]. Some downunder winter observation across Pacific from S Am into Brisbane AUSTRALIA [remote receiver] Sept 9: powerful signals from Peru SURPRISINGLY
4747.093, OAZ5B R Huanta Ayacucho Peru, 1040 UT
4789.882, tent some unknown Peruvian at 1050 UT [R. Visiún]
4954.998, OAZ5S R Cultural Amauta, Huanta, Ayacucho Peru
4810 tentative, OAW9A R Logos, Chazuta, Peru.
4824.478, Tentative La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, Peru, weak S=4
5024.931, Peruvian R Quillabamba Cusco, Spanish, stronger than R Rebelde La Habana even 5025.
5039.200, R Libertad, Junín, Peru, S=7-8 medium fair signal in AUS remote post. vy73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4955, Radio Cultural Amauta (Huanta, Peru), 2301 UT Sept 9. Programa en quechua en el que locutor menciona "Radio Cultural Amauta" y despide programa. Después anuncios publicitarios de gobierno de Ayacucho, Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos. Anuncio en quechua con música huayno de fondo, mención de Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito y Gervasio Santillana, Av. de la Cultural en Quechua. Después mismo anuncio de Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito en español y más anuncios, luego ID "Usted está escuchando Radio Cultural Amauta + Frecuencias en FM y OC y después empieza programa "Chaski Willay". SINPO: 45444 (Marcos Cox, Vicuña, Chile, Receptor: Degen DE1103 + Antena Cable Largo 3 Metros, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 5980, R. CHASKI, 04/09 2315 UT. Mensajes cristianos de la emisora e ID de Red R. Integridad la voz que glorifica a Dios. Señal con sobremodulación y SINPO: 44444 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 15 metros. QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

5980, Sept 6 at 0055, R. Chaski is audible in talk with very poor signal; fortunately some additional Cuban pulse jamming on 5970 is spreading only up to 5977. Chaski cutoff timed tonight at 0104:24* apparently now interrupting their regular creationism talk in the Red Radio Integridad relay from Lima. Can't think of a better segment to be truncated. That's 11.5 seconds later than last check 48 hours earlier.

BTW, my nearest streetlight's darkness sensor fired it up right at 0100 UT with a clear sky at sunset as it was doing in April, but now it's precessing earlier.

5980, Sept 7 at 0055, R. Chaski carrier amid 5990 CRI/Cuba splash; 0101 talk segment, 0102 fanfare introducing the creationism moment with usual somewhat muffled modulation. I cannot think of a better item more deserving to be cut off incomplete at 0103:29*, which is five seconds later than yesterday. Meanwhile on another clear-sky sunset, my streetlite was already on before 0100 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, R. CHASKI, 07/09 2326 UT. Música instrumental y coral con mensajes cristianos en español. Señal con mucho QRN, y SINPO: 54343. 73 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 20 metros con balun 9:1, QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

5980, Sept 8 at 0050, R. Chaski carrier, until cutoff at 0103:34.5* which is 5.5 seconds later than yesterday. My streetlite is now firing on at *0058, clear sky at sunset. Startup makes a brief RF noise burst, not always audible depending on frequency tuned, QRM.

5980, Sept 9 at 0055, carrier from R. Chaski; *0056 my streetlite RF starter fires up, a minute or two earlier each evening, everything else being equal such as a clear sky at sunset; 0102 usual fanfare introducing creationism crap, cut off the air at 0103:40*, five and a half seconds later than yesterday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, R. CHASKI. 5890 09/09 2356 UT. Final del programa ¡Momento decisivo!. La señal con SINPO: 54454, además presenta leves cortes, dejando la portadora al aire, para volver nuevamente, a las 0001 UT del 10/09, a la programación de Red R. Integridad con menor sobremodulación que en el bloque anterior. 73 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 20 metros con balun 9:1. QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

5980, Sept 10 at 0058, R. Chaski carrier until 0103:45.5* cutoff, which is 5.5 seconds later than yesterday. This time I am avoiding the mosquitoes and staying with the main rx inside, FRG-7 instead of DX-398 on the porch.

5980, Sept 11 at 0101, JBA carrier from R. Chaski on the FRG-7, (CRI Cuba 5990 running late is no help), until 0103:51.5* which is 6 seconds give or take later than yesterday. Altho I can tell this cuts off, overload retains another weaker carrier on 5980 unless attenuated

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND. 964.42v, Twoje Radio Brzesko (POL, 963 kHz) is drifting around 964 kHz. I observe it already for some time and yesterday I heard their ID for the first time: "Twoje Radio AM, Brzesko 963". Yesterday evening it was on 964.5 kHz (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, mwoffsets Sept 3 via BC-DX Sept 11 via DXLD)

Yes, apparently this one now around 964.42 kHz, drifting. Too weak here in Finland for audio (Mauno Ritola, Sept 9, ibid.)

At 2025 UT Sept 10 I see only a peak on 964.518 kHz, jazz mx heard and Arabic talk (Wolfgang B.schel, ibid.)

** QATAR [non]. AL JAZEERA AMERICA MAY STILL HAVE MORE DETRACTORS THAN VIEWERS. Posted: 10 Sep 2013 [prÉcis and linux to 11 stories]
<http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=14222>
(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. On LW 171 kHz except for 2-4 hours the programme is of V of Russia in Russian and when there are programs in Russian and Caucasian languages. The ID is Radio Voice of Russia Channel Radio Caucasus (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Sept 9, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 11 via DXLD)

171, Tbilisskaya Armavir site (? wb.) Start the Voice of Russia in 0400 hours and 0500 UT, Program "RRRKK" / Radio Channel Russian Caucasus / - on the news, perhaps, the Chechen language - in LW 171 kHz, on Sept 3. Hymn of Adygea at 17 UT, and radio ad Adygea in Adyg, Arabic and Turkish language for 7325 kHz, Sept 2 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Sept 8, RUSdx Sept 11 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Russian pirates (also known as radio hooligans) are talking in AM in the lower part of the 3 MHz. Most of them are pretty strong but with instable carriers and a bit scratchy audio. Among the frequencies I logged last night are: 3010, 3020, 3050, 3085, 3105, 3130, 3150, 3165. Also found Russian pirates making QSOs on 6666 kHz. [Circa 2330 UT Sept 9] (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 5940, Sept 5 at 1210, R. Rossii ID, 1211 solo and choral music, narration. This frequency is about one word behind stronger // 5930 Pet/Kam, due to one more satellite hop? At 1224, 5940 in synch with // 7320 since both are Magadan. 7320 also has ACI splash from 7325 CRI Japanese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. Moldova: 9665, V of Russia WS via Kichinev with English OM News, including items re Hell's Angels convicted in Canadian case after a guilty plea in a conspiracy to murder, and into

a business report at :05 followed by a weather report for Moscow. :09 into a survey/description of the various social media platforms. Many "Radio VR" IDs (like the RT Television, they seem to not want to use the word "Russia" in their station names any more!) and occasional "This is the Voice of Russia". Talks re US stocks falling, and into something that sounded kind of 'happy talk'-ish. At :24 into "Burning Point". 4+3+54+3+ with LF het and co-channel as well as hum in the modulation, yet this is the only channel regularly making it into Michigan these days -- or at least the only channel that is heard until January when they reportedly will go off SW completely. Sigh -- get 'em while you can. 0300-0330 31/Aug (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI, MARE Tipsheet Sept 6 via DXLD)

No trace of VOR on 9665 at a 0020 check Sept 5. Was there yesterday. Good signal at the same time from Romania on 9700, so not propagation related (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg, via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

English had been on this frequency from 00 to 04 this summer. I listened many evenings over the few months but the last time I heard them was a couple of weeks ago (Stephen Wood, Harwich, Mass., Sept 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sad news. It happened sooner than expected. They got instructions to take all VOR (shortwave) programming off the air with immediate effect. Regards (Leo Barmaleo, Moldova, Sept 5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See Clarification below

I listened to the Voice of Russia today on 15670 from 1100 to 1500 UT; so they were still on then; went to their frequency page and 9665 is gone but 9465 from 2200 to 2400 UT still there (Peter W Hansen, Bethpage, NY, Sept 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mentioned in a related thread, but VOR 9665 was on at a 0020 check UT Wednesday Sept 4. Not heard 24 hours later. It had been a regular prior to that (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

9665 - V. of Russia missing from here at 0130 05 Sept. Not sure if they have changed frequencies or already scaling back programming. I have been away for awhile so I'm not quite up on the latest news. Hearing Voz Missionaria, Brazil, on 9.664.57 with good signals music and IDs (Stephen Wood, Harwich, Mass., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOR doesn't have that frequency listed on their website. The only Latin America-targeted English broadcast is from 2200 to 0000 UT on 9465 kHz. There is no English listed over shortwave frequencies at that hour. As you may already know, VOR no longer has any shortwave frequencies officially targeting North America (Richard Cuff /

Allentown, PA, NASWA yg via DXLD)

And soon (I think end of this year latest), they're dropping HF entirely. It is possible that the relevant news reported in the Russian press applies only to the Russian language service, Golos Rossii. Sent from my iPad (John Figliozi, NY, ibid.)

Apparently they haven't formally stated that yet; but certainly the service is evolving. Now they call themselves "VR Radio" in their regular patter, not even the polysyllabic "Voice of Russia World Service" RC (Richard Cuff, ibid.)

9665, Voice of Russia's last remaining English frequency to near North America, has vanished unexpectedly early before the projected SW closedown at yearend. Only the Brazilian off-frequency 9665- audible Sept 6 at 0054 in Brazuguese.

VOR absence was first noted 24 hours earlier by several listeners, and was apparently still going as of Sept 4. Leo Barmaleo tells us that it's the Maiac site (PRIDNESTROVYE) which has stopped carrying VOR, so other transmissions from there must be gone too, altho remaining for now via some other sites (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I'm sure 9665 was still on until very recently, maybe stopped after August. Always with that annoying het from off-frequency Brasil showing they didn't really care whether could be heard clearly (Glenn Hauser, NASWA yg via DXLD)

I hear VOR on 9665 most every night. I thought I heard it at about 0300 UT but only as a cursory check. It is usually bothered by an annoying het from Voz Mission-ria. I doubt that the station I heard during my brief bandscan at 0300 was the Brazilian as I was tuned high to avoid the het. I positively heard it the night before as & logged what seemed an unusual ID on HFU:
<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,12440.0.html>
(Dave Hughes, KCMO, UT Sept 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Voice of Russia weird ID on 9665 3:09 UTC 9/4/13
' on: September 04, 2013, 0404 UTC ^a

I was listening to VOR on my ats909x (I have to either listen in USB or tune up to 9667 to avoid the het from Voz Mission-ria) and heard what seemed to be a MW ID at 0309z "...this is Radio VR, 1430". The station seemed to be slightly different from what I normally hear on VOR. The male announcer sounded American to me. He was interviewing a guy from Israel about the possibility of taking back Obama's Nobel prize. He had to cut the guy off abruptly at 0320 as they went into

what sounded like more standard VOR programming for 2 minutes of news headlines & then back to the American sounding guy with more news, markets and weather from "world capitals" that included Los Angeles (the capitol of Huh) & then into standard VOR programming including "burning point". Logged ([Dave Hughes], KCMO, Icom R 75, SDR-IQ, Grundig Satellit 750, Sangean ATS909x, Tecsun PL380 & PL360, 30 meter random wire with RF systems MLB, Alpha Delta SWL DX sloper, 7 meter indoor wire with MFJ 16010 tuner (via DXLD)

1430 is the New York City market station that carries VOR, WNSW Newark NJ. For this and other US relays see:

http://voiceofrussia.com/radio_broadcast/frequencies/

Not only carries, but maybe originates some of the programing also broadcast back on SW from HQ? As in the RUVR program grid, http://voiceofrussia.com/radio_broadcast/schedule/ there is a large block M-F 15-19 UT merely labeled 'Broadcast from London'.

Keep looking below the main grid, for another one, ``American Edition``, in *EDT*, with even larger 'Broadcast from Washington' blox M-F 6 am-noon and 14-20 = 2-8 pm, but nothing specified as New York, maybe under different inexplicit program titles?

But at the time Dave logged, 0309+ UT Wednesday, main VOR is supposed to be amid hour of 'Music & Musicians' while American edition is indeed 'Burning Point'!

BTW, The American Edition also carries ``Hartmann Program``, I assume liberal Thom Hartmann talkshow, M-F 8-11 pm EDT (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not there tonight either at 0300 UT check (DH KCMO, dxldyg via DXLD)

V of Russia in French no longer on SW? Only V of Korea on 11635 between 1850 and 1905. Moscou on 11635 is usually much stronger than VoK (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, Sept 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) But as usual [French] on 9900 (via Armenia) at 1600 (probably until 1800) (Jean-Michel Aubier, Sept 6, ibid.)

French 1600-2100 on 11635 originated from Grigoriopol-Maiac as well; thus is like 9665 gone since yesterday.

I momentarily wondered if Voice of Russia has perhaps already terminated all shortwave transmissions via RTRS facilities, but when just (after 0830) checking the DRM racket from Bolshakovo on 9850 was still on air.

However, no trace of its Taldom companion on 11635, also no trace of any carriers on 13785, 17500, 21800 and 21820, at this hour listed for the transmitters in Siberia. This is so far no proof that these signals are indeed no longer on air, but obviously some monitoring would not hurt since one must suspect that more has been cancelled than just the two transmissions from Maiac (Kai Ludwig, Germany, *ibid.*)

Is 9465 not also from Pridnestrovye though? That is still on air from 2200 to 0000. Here is a reply from Elana at VOR on the 9665 situation:

``Dear Stephen, Thank you very much for your message, as always it was nice to hear from you again. To answer your question, indeed, the frequency 9665 has been taken off our frequency chart starting September 1st. We are sorry about that. 9465 remains on the frequency schedule for now, so you may try to monitor our broadcasts using that frequency. As always I am sending you my very best wishes for health and happiness and looking forward to hearing from you soon again.

Sincerely yours,

Elena Osipova

Letters Department

World Service

Voice of Russia``

(via Stephen Cooper, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD)

9465 is from Yerevan, Armenia (Peter W Hansen, *ibid.*)

Cancelled frequencies for Voice of Russia from September 1:

0000-0400 on 9665 KCH 500 kW / 296 deg to SoAm English

1600-2100 on 11635 KCH 500 kW / 235 deg to NoAf French

(Ivo Ivanov, DX Re Mix News 798, Sept 11 via DXLD)

11530, TAJIKISTAN, Voice of Russia, 1224 English, announcements followed by weather for various major world cities, 1225 news headlines. Poor, Sept 5 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, parked beside the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Currently receiving DRM noise on 9850 from VOR and Russian on 15585 from Moscow transmitter with news about G20. Weak signal on 15670 in English from Novosibirsk-Oyash. All via WebSDR in Twente (Stephen Cooper, 1307 UT Sep 6, *ibid.*)

2300 Sept 8: Voice of Russia World Service in English on 9465 with excellent signal. Long music segment into time pips and ID, followed by news bulletin. Items about the local elections in Russia and the Syrian conflict. SINPO: 55555 (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

via ARMENIA

9900 from Armenia and 15310 from Tajikistan now on air in English.
(Stephen Cooper, 1418 UT Sept 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? Must mean 11530, not 15310, numbers jumbled (gh, DXLD)

Did you mean 11530 instead of 15310? 11530 via Tajikistan often audible here, poorly, and modulation problems? 15310 is a BBCWS frequency, English via Oman during 14-15 hour only, all per HFCC (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Glenn, Sorry, I've looked back at my original log and I meant 15670.
(Stephen Cooper, ibid.)

15310? I guess not. Wasting away Radio Moscow heard in past two days, makes no claim to completeness. 73 wb

VoRUS on SW on air, heard around 08-10 UT today Sept 7

11830	0600	1000	27,28	VoRUS Moskva	261	40	DRM
15405	0600	0900	55,59	VoRUS Komsomolsk Amur	180	250	
21800	0600	1000	55,58,59,60	VoRUS Irkutsk	152	250	
21820	0600	1000	42,44,49,55,58	VoRUS Novosibirsk	155	250	
13785	0700	0900	42,43,49	VoRUS Irkutsk	180	250	
17500	0700	0900	41	VoRUS Novosibirsk	180	250	
9850	0800	1400	27,28	VoRUS Kaliningrad	220	15	DRM

VoRUS on SW on air, heard later the day Sept 7 and 8

6075	1000	1400	32,33,42,43,44	VoRUS Vladivostok	270	100	
11530	1000	1500	41	VoRUS Duchanbe*	155	500	

*a lot of 50 Hz peaks visible like fence, buzzy 50/100 Hz audio from Orzu.

12030	1000	1500	44,49	VoRUS Vladivostok	230	250	
13805	1000	1400	43,44	VoRUS Irkutsk	180	250	
15300	1000	1200	44	VoRUS Novosibirsk	120	250	
13860	1100	1400	44,49	VoRUS Irkutsk	152	250	
15670	1100	1500	42,43,49	VoRUS Novosibirsk	145	250	
4960	1200	1900	40E,41N	VoRUS Duchanbe	180	100	
7235	1200	1400	45	VoRUS Irkutsk	100	110	
15585	1200	1900	30S,31SW	VoRUS Moskva	117	250	
7505	1300	1600	41	VoRUS Duchanbe#	137	100	

hit heavily by some Pacific OTHR signal in 7500-7540 kHz range, wb.

9900	1400	2000	39,48,52,53,57	VoRUS Erevan Gavar	192	500	
7525	1500	1700	39,40	VoRUS Duchanbe	240	100	
12110	1500	2100	37-39	VoRUS Duchanbe	267	500	

6185	1500	1800	42,44,49	VoRUS Irkutsk	180	250
9490	1600	1800	42,44,49	VoRUS Novosibirsk	145	250
9880	1600	2100	27,28	VoRUS Kaliningrad	220	15 DRM
7540	1700	2000	39,40	VoRUS Duchanbe	240	100
6155	2000	2200	37NW	VoRUS Moskva	261	40 DRM
12060	2100	0500	12,13,15	VoRUS Erevan Gavar	258	500
9465	2200	0100	10-12	VoRUS Erevan Gavar	305	500
9435	0100	0500	10-12	VoRUS Erevan Gavar	305	500

(Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 7/8, dxldyg via DXLD)

CIDX member Thomas Witherspoon of North Carolina corresponded with the Voice of Russia and received the following response from the Letters Department of the VORis World Service:

iThis is toÖinform you that the information about the presumable cancellation by the Voice of Russia of shortwave broadcasts as of January 2014 does not come from VORis official sources, therefore at this point we can neither confirm nor deny it since the issue is currently under discussion.î

However in her reply Elena Osipova also sent me a ipollî or survey. It seems she may be collecting data re: listenership habits. He encourages others disappointed in the VOR closure reports to email Ms. Osipova and complete the survey as well. She can be reached by e-mail at world@ruvr.ru (Sept CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

9435, Sept 7 at 0113, well, at least we can still listen to La Voz de Rusia if not the Voice of Russia: credit to several news agencies from the Cuban Commie Prensa Latina to the respected EFE in Spain; fair signal which is via ARMENIA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Right now (7 September, 0821 UT) both 21800 and 21820 kHz are active in English (Tudor Vedeanu, (Gura Humorului, Romania), dxldyg via DXLD)

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21800	0600	1000	55,58,59,60	VoRUS Irkutsk	152	250
21820	0600	1000	42,44,49,55,58	VoRUS Novosibirsk	155	250
13785	0700	0900	42,43,49	VoRUS Irkutsk	180	250
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9850	0800	1400	27,28	VoRUS Kaliningrad	220	15 DRM

73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. R. Rossii on 13735 --- Listening to this now (1610 UT) with talk in Russian and choral music, probably a classical music program. ID in Russian just prior. Listed on sw.info for 1320-1700. Pretty fair S9 signal into upstate NY (John Figlioizzi, Halfmoon, NY, Eton E1XM,

A/D DX Sloper, Sept 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. 7435, Sept 9 at 0457, poor-fair signal with jazz; 0459 Russian announcement with no discernible ID before cutoff at 0500* sharp. I was about to conclude it was R. Rossii, but HFCC shows IBB, 100 kW, 55 degrees from Lampertheim, GERMANY at 03-05, i.e. R. Liberty/Svoboda (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

USA(non), Additional (test) frequency of Radio Liberty. Noted on Sep. 9/10:

0700-0800 9530 UNIDentified tx site EaEu Russian, no // frequencies
0800-1000 9530 UNIDentified tx site EaEu Russian// 15130-BIB 17770-UDO
1000-1100 9530 UNIDentified tx site to EaEu Russian, no // frequencies
(Ivo Ivanov, DX Re Mix News 798, Sept 11 via DXLD)

** RWANDA [non]. 17870, CLANDESTINE, Radio Inyabutatu (tentative), 1702-1727, Sep 7. This Saturday-only operation seemed to pop on a little late or was below noise level at 1700 opening but heard male vocal before 1703 opening by a man announcer in an unidentified language. Program seemed to be continuous talks with poor signal and much noise marring reception (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** SARAWAK [non]. 15420, Radio Free Sarawak via Taiwan (assume this is still the site), 1230*, Sept 7. Poor with ID as the audio ended and tx off some seconds later. Often they are below threshold level (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [non]. 6100 - International R. of Serbia - Tune in at 2058 to brief instrumental music followed by YL with full ID in French to interval signal. English program at 2100 with YL giving brief ID into news including US Open results. Signal was good with only minor static. Deep audio made words seem slurred. Canned ID's "stay tuned" repeated several times, then into commentary regarding Serbian EU membership (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass., Perseus SDR with 25 x 50 NE terminated Superloop antenna Sept 10, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Still nothing on 9685 to NAm 0030 (gh)

** SLOVENIA. QSL: Radio Murski Val, 648, QSL-letter in 8 days for report with 1 IRC to the address given in WRTH. V/s: Jerneja Pirnat (Kurt Enders, Bickenbach, Germany, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020-, Sept 5 at 1152 some talk audible here, very poor aside still stronger 5025 Cuba; no doubt SIBC a bit before closedown, always on the lo side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, You're fortunate to hear Solomon Islands at all! Cuba always blanks their signal out here on the Tampa Bay side of Florida (Tim Marecki, psw yg via DXLD) Harold is even more fortunate

5019.9, S.I.B.C. 1116 English, woman preacher and hymns on this Sunday morning here (late Sunday there), continued until their normal 5-minute closing lineup of a Christian devotional, ID, and national anthem to 1200 sign-off. Poor, splatter from Cuba on 5025, Sept 8 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in the pre-dawn hours, beside the lake and in my car, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna. Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at <http://www.odxa.on.ca> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Some footprints noted in Nara JPN and Brisbane AUS [remote receivers], at present Sept 9 at 1000 UT:

5019.874, S.I.B.C., hopping some 2-3 Hz up and down.
vy73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non] 5020-, Sept 9 at 1159 I am sitting here waiting for SIBC to cut the carrier, which happens at 1200:15*. Settled on this after missing Micronesia 4755+ already off at 1158+ tune-in; and 90m signals from PNG were too weak to mess with; many of which also let a timer cut them off around this hour, regardless of programming in progress (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. SOMALIA, R. Hargeisa on 7120 kHz, Times of sign off:

Aug 01 2059*
Aug 02 2102*
Aug 04 2101*
Aug 05 2100*
Aug 06 2100*
Aug 07 1859*
Aug 09 1902*
Aug 10 1900*
Aug 11 1858*
Aug 12 1900*
Aug 13 1859*
Aug 14 1901*
Aug 15 1859*
Aug 17 1901*
Aug 18 1900*
Aug 19 1859*
Aug 20 1858*
Aug 21 1900*
Aug 22 1900*
Aug 23 1900*
Aug 24 1901*

Aug 25 1901*
Aug 26 1859*
Aug 27 1900*
Aug 28 1900*
Aug 29 1900*
Aug 30 1900*
Aug 31 1901*

(Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7120, R. Hargeisa, SOM, Hargeisa, 1740 4 Sept, px mx loc noise Ham, 33333. 73! (Mauro - Giroletti, -Swl 1510-, -IK2GFT-, -JRC525Nrd - Lowe HF150-, Filter PAR Electronics - BCST-LPF + BCST-HPF- DSP 9, - Eavesdropper SWL Sloper 11 to 120 mt Band- Loop ALA 100 M, -Lat. 45 25'0" N Long. 9 7'0" E -Locator grid. Jn 45 Nk-, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

R. Hargeisa on 7120 kHz, Times of sign off, Off air from Sep 06:

Sep 01 1900*
Sep 02 1859*
Sep 03 1900*
Sep 04 1859*
Sep 05 1900*
Sep 06 off air
Sep 07 off air
Sep 08 off air
Sep 09 off air
Sep 10 off air

(Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Over here we should check around the 0330v sign-on; or maybe by longpath to west coast around 1320 English (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. BULGARIA: 11850, Overcomer Ministry / Br. Stair via Kostinbrod (Sofia) Sept.4. 20 2030-2100 s/off. Interesting propagation on this one; prior to 2015 barely audible but as the sunset terminator moved west, the signal dipped and they came up over the noise floor and by 2030 manage to catch the last half hour of Br. Stair and his prophecies. Sign-Off in mid-sentence. Both this frequency and frequencies for Nauen at 21-2300 conform to the latest schedule received from the Ministry.

GERMANY, 15390 // 15620, Overcomer Ministry / Br. Stair via Nauen Sept. 4, 2125ñ2205+. The usual Voice of the Last day prophet with his

view of redemption and salvation. 2127 gave the phone numbers and website/contact information. Both frequencies heard quite well with 15620 a slight edge over 15390 (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Drake R8A; Antenna: BEST heard on 125 foot long wire, pointed due east, with 4:1 Balun Match, with Pi-type Antenna Tuner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

U S A. 5085, WTTW-2, 1151, Sept 10. Brother Stair; // but somewhat out of sync with WWRB on 3185; both fair (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN [non]. Muito bem copiada a REE, Radio Exterior de España, em DRM, com transmiss,,o desde Cariari, Costa Rica, para a América do Sul, com 100% de audio, SNR>22 dB, entre 21 e 22 horas local, em Sete Lagoas MG, com antena dipolo para 10m, IC725 + SDRZero, em 11815 kHz. 73 de (Roland, PY4ZBZ, UT Sept 6, radioescutas yg via DXLD) No time but that would be 00-01 UT; timestamp 9:24 pm must mean UT - 3 in Brasil (gh, DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. Best log tonight: 11905 Sri Lanka SLBC-Trincomalee fair at 0142-0202 with program of Sri Lankan songs in Hindi and short announcements in English by woman presenter introducing each song; ID at 0200 and back to music program (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK, UT Sept 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Another versioin:

11905, SLBC-Trincomalee, 9/6, 0142, fair with lively vocal selections in Hindi; occasional English announcements by woman introducing each song; continued this sequence until ID at 0200 and back to songs; fading after 0211 (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK, NRD-545, R-75 + Wellbrook loop & PAR EF-SWL sloper. Virtually all the logs this week have been done with the Wellbrook loop. It has done a superb job lowering the noise level here in my suburban RF swamp! NASWA Flashsheet Sept 8 via DXLD)

** SUDAN. 7205, Radio Omdurman (Al Aitahab, Sudan), 0356 UT Sept 9. M'sica africana, comentarios de locutor en árabe que menciona "Radio Omdurman", luego m's m'sica y apagan transmisor terminando programa a las 0359. SINPO: 45444 (Marcos Cox, Vicuña, Chile, Receptor: Degen DE1103 + Antena Cable Largo 3 Metros, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. CLANDESTINE, 13720, Sudan R. Service via UAE, Aug 24 0457-0529*, 25322, Arabic, Talk and Sudan pop and Arabic music, ID at 0504, 0529 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13720, Sudan R. Service via UAE, Sep 05 0501-0517 25332 Arabic, Talk and sudan pop, ID at 0509 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [and non]. 15725, Sept 5 at 1530, R. Dabanga has just started, good signal with typical music liners, 1532 ID, via VATICAN. With continuous 1 kHz tone jammer, also typical from Sudan. Listed // 15150 via Madagascar is only a JBA carrier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15150, Dabanga, 1534 7 Sept with talks by OM in lang with many mentions of Dabanga. 15725 is QRM'd by a carrier with 1 kHz tone (jammer?) (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, Sept 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15550, R. Dabanga via UAE, Sep 10 0530-0557*, 22432, Arabic, Talk, IS at 0556, 0557 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121; ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. Bulgaria: 11560, Radio Miraya, 0331 04 Sep Heard: Good music -- OM English with odd accent. News iflood in the Nile! Then same OM using different language??? Then back to English iMiraya Breakfast Show! (Gary Vance, Grand Ledge MI, MARE Tipsheet Sept 6 via DXLD)

Gary -- this is the station directed to South Sudan and they use English and Arabic ... an interesting station! (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI, MARE Tipsheet Sept 6 via DXLD)

** SWAZILAND [and non]. Summer [sic] A-13 Trans World Radio Africa:
0300-0330 3200 MAN 050 kW / 003 deg to ZWE Ndebele Mon-Sat
0300-0330 3200 MAN 050 kW / 003 deg to ZWE English Sun
0300-0345 3240 MAN 050 kW / 003 deg to ZWE Shona/Ndau
0330-0345 9530 MAN 100 kW / 012 deg to EaAf Sidamo/Amharic
0345-0400 4775 MAN 050 kW / 003 deg to SoAf Lomwe
0400-0500 3200 MAN 050 kW / 233 deg to SoAf English Mon-Fri
0400-0500 3200 MAN 050 kW / 233 deg to SoAf German Sat/Sun
0400-0500 4775 MAN 050 kW / 233 deg to SoAf English Mon-Fri
0400-0500 4775 MAN 050 kW / 233 deg to SoAf German Sat/Sun
0400-0445 5995 MAN 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf Chewa Sat/Sun
0500-0800 4775 MAN 050 kW / 233 deg to SoAf English
0500-0800 9500 MAN 100 kW / 013 deg to EaAf English
1300-1315 13660 KIG 250 kW / 030 deg to EaAf Afar Thu-Sun
1400-1415 15360 MAN 100 kW / 043 deg to SoAs Urdu
1400-1600 7315 MAN 050 kW / 005 deg to SoAf Makhuwa/Portuguese/Lomwe
1430-1630 6025 MAN 100 kW / 003 deg to ZWE English/Shona/Ndebele
1500-1530 9585 MAN 100 kW / 064 deg to MDC Malagasy/French
1545-1700 3200 MAN 050 kW / 003 deg to SoAf Shangaan/Portuguese/Ndau
1600-1630 15105 MAN 100 kW / 013 deg to SoAf Kirundi Mon-Fri
1630-1645 11635 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Somali Sun

1630-1700 11635 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Somali Mon-Sat
 1630-1800 11725 MAN 100 kW / 013 deg to EaAf Amharic/Oromo/Kambaata
 1700-1730 7300 MAN 100 kW / 003 deg to SoAf Yao
 1700-1745 9475 MAN 100 kW / 005 deg to EaAf Swahili
 1745-1815 9475 MAN 100 kW / 005 deg to EaAf Swahili Sat/Sun
 1745-1900 6130 MAN 100 kW / 312 deg to CeAf Umbrundo/KiKongo/Fiote
 1745-2000 3200 MAN 050 kW / 233 deg to SoAf English Mon-Fri
 1800-1815 6120 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Tigrinya Mon-Wed
 1800-1815 6120 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Amharic Thu/Fri
 1800-1830 6120 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Tigre Sat
 1800-1830 6120 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Kunama Sun
 1800-1900 9500 MAN 100 kW / 013 deg to EaAf English
 1815-1845 6120 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Tigrinya Mon-Fri
 1830-1845 6120 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Amharic Sun
 1900-2000 6130 MAN 100 kW / 312 deg to CeAf Portuguese
 1900-2000 9940 MAN 100 kW / 343 deg to CeAf Lingala/French
 2000-2015 9940 MAN 100 kW / 343 deg to CeAf French Sat/Sun
 (Ivo Ivanov, DX Re Mix News 798, Sept 11 via DXLD)

** SWEDEN [non]. Radio logs concerning VSI Radio International

Dear Mr. Hauser, Thank you for your meticulous radio monitoring efforts over so many years, and thank you as well for posting in your log of having found my show, VSI Radio International on WBCQ this summer. The programme is produced here in Sweden and broadcast from the Monticello, Maine, transmitter belonging to Mr. Weiner.

Just for your own interest, I definitely was "the guy talking about Swedish pirates", but I should point out that I myself am not and have never been a radio pirate. My 2-part documentary was about an old Swedish offshore radio station, Radio Nord, which while operating was a legitimate enterprise, but labelled by its detractors as a pirate. I personally had nothing to do with the Radio Nord enterprise itself.

You are quite correct that on my final Saturday night broadcast, Allan Weiner did *not* have his usual pirate radio reels broadcasting and thus I had a lonely spot late on the weekend and I felt the broadcast was not reaching out to many listeners. I have since returned to my original spot on Wednesdays at 7 pm Eastern (2300 UTC) on 7490.

Frankly, I have been frustrated at WBCQ for not updating its schedule nearly often enough, while I have been happy with their services otherwise. It must also be frustrating for DXers and casual listeners alike in that it is difficult to find specific programmes on that station. Wishing you a pleasant week,

(Paul Lambert, VSI Radio International, Kristinehamn, Sweden,
 feedback@vsiradio.org Sept 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 7385.011, Chinese program service of RTI noted in co-channel covered by China mainland CNR1 program jamming.

7269.986, Voice of China in Chinese from Taipei site, covered totally by CNR1 jamming at 1438 UT Sept 7.

9624.915, RTI Vietnamese language program noted at proper S=9+10dB level, 1444 UT.

9660.003, RTI Thai service at S=8-9 level, observed on Nara-JPN remote rx. At 1450 UT.

9735.004, RTI Bahasa Indonesia, originate from Tainan site, scheduled 14-15 UT, S=9+10dB strength at 1447 UT Sept 7.

7379.989, Proper signal of RFI Paris Vietnamese service via Tainan-TWN relay site, scheduled at 14-15 UT. On Sept 7 at at 1440 UT on Nara-JPN remote SDR installation (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 11 via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 18178, Sound of Hope Radio International, tentative, 1535-1600, no understandable ID, SINFO 25333. Signal was in the clear; heard W&M speaking Chinese. Close to a frequency found in the WRTH Summer Supplement (John & Sandra Davis, Johnstown OH, Mackay 5050A and 42-foot Windom antenna, Sept NASWA Journal via DXLD)

I.e. 18180, where the primary occupant is CNR1 jamming if not Firedrake. Unless you all have something more definite to indicate it's SOH, you should assume it's probably the jammer; however, neither SOH nor CNR1 is ever noted off-frequency like this. Does your 5050A have analog readout only? No date, but presumably late July or early August (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9200, Xi Wang Zhi Sheng (Sound of Hope). 1127 September 8, 2013. Presumed the one with Chinese announcer, single time sounder 1130 into slow choral gospel-sounding Chinese vocals. No trace of any jamming (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; JPS NF-60 Notch Filter; JPS ANC-4 Noise Phase; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. SPECIAL TRANSMISSIONS FROM TAINAN SITE TO EUROPE

There will once more be special transmissions of Radio Taiwan International in German via the Tainan site as announced below (3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 18, 19 Oct, each at 1700 on 9955). They use to do this

since a couple of years, originally following a relay of Family Radio in Russian, now turning on the transmitter especially for these DX specials (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

-----Original Message-----

Date: Wed, 04 Sep 2013 23:43:54 +0200

Subject: [A-DX] Fw: direkte Sendung auf 9955 gebilligt

From: Wolf-Dieter Behnke

Hallo, alle zusammen, eine gute Nachricht! Der Antrag wegen der direkten Sendung unseres Programms durch die Tainan-Senderanlage ist gebilligt worden. Diesmal dürfen wir 8 Tage unsere Sendungen direkt aus Taiwan nach Europa ausstrahlen und zwar immer um 1700 UT.

- 3. Okt. (Donnerstag)
- 4. Okt. (Freitag)
- 5. Okt. (Samstag)
- 10. Okt. (Donnerstag)
- 11. Okt. (Freitag) call in / call out live
- 12. Okt. (Samstag)
- 18. Okt. (Freitag)
- 19. Okt. (Samstag)

Die Einzelheiten werden wir später bekanntgeben. Sag bitte den anderen H^{er}ern, DX Freunden und vielen anderen den Bescheid! Viele sch^one Gr^usse aus Taipei, Bihui [= Chiu Bihui, head of, rather only permanent staff for German broadcasts]
(via Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. About 1000 on 14295 kHz audible third harmonic R. Tajikistan from 4765 kHz. Transfer evident in Tajik, although based EiBi at this time should be Russian. From the familiar words: Dushanbe, Rahmon Emamoli ... (Alexander Egorov, Kiev, Ukraine / "deneb-radio-dx" & "open_dx" via RusDX Sept 8 via DXLD)

Undated log, but presumably recent: a perpetual or repetitive harmonic appearance, hams intruded (gh, DXLD)

** TATARSTAN [non]. In B-13 winter season Tatar Radio Kazan at 0410 UT 11790 kHz, and 0610 UT 9895 kHz via Novosibirsk-RUS bc TX center site, and 0810-0900 UT 12095 kHz via Armavir Tbilisskaya Krasnodar site. (Wolfgang B_{schel}, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. 15548, Sept 7 at 1324, very poor non-Chinese signal here, stronger than het on hi side which would be CNR1 jammer; rare instance of V. of Tibet via TAJIKISTAN better than the jammer here, but how about in the target? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15525, CNR with adverts [??] against VoT 1430 5 Sept, S7 and s off
(Zacharias Liangas, Greece, 11 Sept, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15525, Sept 9 at 1401, V. of Tibet with loud & clear signal, belying its aim northeast from MADAGASCAR, while we are northwest, but boosting Talata's reputation as a great site for reaching North America from the other worldside, always unintentionally. Intermittent ``running water`` and other ute noises, but no jamming! Until *1403:15 near zero-beat carrier on and 1403:30 adding CNR1 modulation. More H2O briefly at 1406. At 1410 I realize that the CNR1 jamming is alone on 15525.

15520, Sept 9 at 1410, VOT has shifted here to avoid the jamming, altho still has some ACI 5 kHz het & splash if not carefully tuned. I keep expecting CNR1 to follow it, but never does, SARFT monitors asleep at the switch. VOT still in clear on 15520 at 1418; 1420 a bit of English with a website:
<http://www.internationalbuddhistconfederation.com>
(which is HQ in New Delhi) and at 1423 another bit of English comments being translated. Could those be from Dalai Lama himself? (BTW, in the news lately is that Indian government is promoting dying-out Buddhism, at least for tourism.)

The start-on-one-frequency, draw-the-jammer, then-switch-to-another tactic is well-known enough to be shown as such in Aoki, happening at 1408.

15525, Sept 10 at 1400 good open carrier, 1400:37 modulation cuts on late from V. of Tibet via MADAGASCAR. After yesterday's log I am paying close attention to how CNR1 jamming and its avoidance may recur: but NO jamming audible today, maybe on but not propagating, as Talata has a great trans-equatorial advantage even way off to the side of the beam here.

Meanwhile they are voice-over translating into Tibetan somewoman in English with snippets such as ``24-year-old son traveled to visit England``, later ``as a guide for Chinese tourists``. Quick ``running water`` ute QRM bursts at 1404, 1406. Nevertheless, at 1408:00 sharp, 15525 jumps to 15520; still no jamming.

15525, Sept 11 at 1401, V. of Tibet via MADAGASCAR in well again, no jamming, but instead at 1401.5 noise burst as prÉlude to ``running water`` ute QRM a bit later, 1403 noise burst again (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have been making a point of checking this clandestine while I'm at work from 1300 to 1430 on the Tajikistan & Madagascar frequencies and find a huge CNR1 jammer and a noise jammer on 15525 and a whole

variety of jammers on the Dushanbe frequencies. Here is a recent log of the Dushanbe frequencies & the associated jammers:

1305z Voice of Tibet is on 15563 & CNR1 jammer is on 15560
1318z VOT is still on 15563 but now CNR1 has moved to 15565
1340z VOT moves to 15568 & also comes on 15548 CNR is still on 15565
1344z VOT on 15548 moves down to 15542 & CNR1 stays on 15565 but now there is a noise jammer also on 15565
1348z CNR1 moves to 15570 & the noise stays on 15565
1350z CNR1 comes up on 15540 in addition to 15570 & noise on 15565
1400z VOT shuts down 15542 & CNR1 shuts down 15570
1401z VOT stays on 15568 past the normal close down at 14z CNR1 comes back up on 15570
1405z VOT moves down to 15562 CNR remains on 15570 the noise on 15565 shuts down
1429z VOT modulation shuts down on 15562 CNR1 shuts down 15570 & replaces it with noise (the noise might have been there all along & I didn't notice it among all the other stuff)
1431z VOT carrier goes off 15562. Noise stays up past my last check at 1440z at which point I had to stop pretending to work & really knuckle down & work for 5 or 6 minutes of the 8 hours I get paid for (Dave Hughes, KCMO, Sept 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TONGA. Tonga Broadcasting-A3Z 1017 kHz --- I thought a few people might like this: I have a few pictures of their facility with many thanks to Paula Mosaati from The Tonga Broadcasting Commission at Nuku'alofa, in The Kingdom of Tonga down in the South Pacific Ocean.

Here is the outside of the building that's home to The TBC's Television and Radio Services:
<http://www.onairdj.com/tbc.jpg>

This is the studio for A3Z at 1017. TBC's main station and pretty much their nationwide service with 10 kW. The format is mainly talk / information.
<http://www.onairdj.com/tbcam.jpg>

Here's 2 pictures of one of their studios; this one is for Kool 90 FM. The station runs a mainly music format aimed at the younger audience, consisting of Tongan & South Pacific songs along with contemporary hits of today.
<http://www.onairdj.com/tbcfm1.jpg>
<http://www.onairdj.com/tbcfm2.jpg>
Enjoy! (Paul Walker, 5 Sept, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** TURKEY. 9295, TRT spur, 1543 7 Sept with Turkish songs in // 9765 but with only A1 signal (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, Sept 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What does A1 mean here? TROTS (the rest of the story), which is left for me to figure out: 9295 is a leapfrog mixing product of the Persian service on 9765 at 15-16 over the Azeri service on 9530 at 1530-1630, another 235 kHz down, both from Emirler, which thus can only occur at 1530-1600 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Wrong frequency of Voice of Turkey in Chinese on Sep. 11: 1100-1155 on 15424 EMR 500 kW / 062 deg to EaAs, instead of 15240 -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. DAVENTRY, ENGLAND, HONORS ITS BBC WORLD SERVICE HISTORY IN A ROUNDABOUT WAY. Posted: 09 Sep 2013
<http://www.daventryexpress.co.uk/news/local/winner-unveiled-for-roundabout-art-1-5420092>

Daventry Express, 25 Aug 2013: "The final design for a piece of artwork at one of the gateways to the [Daventry] town centre has been voted for by the public. 'Daventry Calling' was the winning piece, representing the town's broadcasting heritage with symbolic masts radiating words to the world.

<http://kimelli.nfshost.com/images/1019.jpg>

The artwork will go on the roundabout at the junction of Abbey Street and South Way and has been paid for by the developers of the nearby Abbey Retail Park... .

The BBC World Service was originally broadcast from Borough Hill using the radio call sign of 'Daventry Calling' making the town's name well-known across the world. In 1935, this radio station was used for the first-ever practical demonstration of radar. The sculpture will stand at around 7 metres high and will consist of five 'masts' with a laser-cut 'radio wave' text ring." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

-- Of course, in the 1930s, it was the BBC Empire Service. "World Service" came decades later. See also Northampton Chronicle & Echo, 17 Aug 2013.
<http://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news/community/new-sculpture-will-celebrate-town-s-connection-to-bbc-world-service-1-5400115>
(Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.*)

** U K. NEW! 7 WOF Video Clips --- My thanks to Dave Porter (ex Woofferton employee) for making available the new WOF video clips. Link below.
http://www.bbceng.info/Technical%20Reviews/technical_reviews.htm

Top of the page contains links to the first 7 WOF video clips. Thanks, Dave :-) 73's (Ian Baxter, NSW, Sept 10, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** U K [non]. 5980, Sept 5 at 1249, BBCWS in English, very poor on its Thursday-only frequency via THAILAND. Aoki has a * meaning it is jammed by China. Can't detect that here, so I wish monitors in Asia would evaluate whether China is still jamming English from BBC, VOA, RA et al., and how bad it is (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. B13 for BBC

Site	Hours
MDC	0.5
TAC	1.5
KCH	2
ERV	2
MOS	3
KIG	3.5
DHA	14.5
WOF	17
MEY	19
SEY	20.5
SLA	33.5
ASC	39
NAK	42.25
SNG	51.25

Language	Hours
Uzb	1.5
Tam	1.5
Sin	1.5
Kin	5.5
Mya	6.75
Urd	7.75
Hin	8
Fra	8.4
Ben	8.5
Ara	9
Hau	10.1
Som	10.5
Fas	11
Pus	12
Prs	12.5
Eng	135

(Stephen Cooper, Sept 10, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At least there is no reduxion in number of languages left on SW since B-12 and A-13 according to his previous calculations: only 15 plus English (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

39 fewer English transmitter hours for B13. Looking quickly over the frequency schedule there are still some possibilities for NA reception; will have to break them out and digest the info. Still curious about what cuts might be in store for A14 when the BBCWS funding mechanism changes (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3945-LSB, Sept 5 at 1207, after monitoring extended schedule of R. Nikkei-2, JAPAN [q.v.], another ham net is underway with reports of local weather readings past 24 hours, including Alamosa and Leadville CO (which both generate low lows, one due to its high elevation and other due to being in a valley where cold air settles), then someone chex in from South Dakota too. This is apparently the Colorado Weather net now at 1200v UT instead of 1230 daily as in the final April 2007 edition of John Norfolk's Nets2You (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. There is a Route 66 ham special event going on until Sept 15, favorite SSB frequencies ending in 66: 3866, 7266, 14266, 18164 [almost], 21366, 24966, 28466. See:
<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/route-66-on-the-air>
So far no luck hearing anything with W6B thru W6T, 3-character calls on 80, 40 or 20 meters, around 1130-14 UT Sept 10, but there's a big AM broadcaster on 7265, presumably CNR2 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

SPECIAL EVENT (Highway to a DX Party!). The Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club of San Bernardino, California, will host (probably one of the most fun special event activities) the 14th annual "Route 66 On The Air" special event between September 7-15th. The purpose of this event is to offer amateur radio operators a fun way to "Relive the Ride" of their own memories of Route 66, and to celebrate the highway's 84th [sic] anniversary. The U.S. Highway 66 established in 1926, was the first major improved highway to link the west coast with the nations heartland. Through stories, songs, and TV shows, the highway came to symbolize the spirit of the freedom of the open road, inspiring many to see America. Look for the following 20 stations (three are rovers) operating in or around the major cities along the old "Route 66" from Santa Monica, California, to Chicago, Illinois:

Stations City Club

W6A Is Not Being Used This Year - See IMPORTANT NOTICE on Web page.
W6B Los Angeles, CA Westside Amateur Radio Club
W6C San Bernardino, CA Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club
W6D Victorville, CA Victor Valley Amateur Radio Club
W6E Barstow, CA Barstow Amateur Radio Club
W6F Kingman, AZ Hualapai Amateur Radio Club

W6G Flagstaff, AZ Northern Arizona DX Association
W6H Albuquerque, NM New Mexico Amateur Radio Alliance
W6I Amarillo, TX Chapter 141, QCWA
W6J Elk City, OK Western Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club
W6K Oklahoma City, OK W6K Oklahoma City
W6L Tulsa, OK Tulsa Amateur Radio Club
W6M Riverton, KS Valley Center Amateur Radio Club
W6N Joplin, MO Joplin Amateur Radio Club
W6O Lebanon, MO Lebanon Amateur Radio Club
W6P St. Louis, MO St. Louis Amateur Radio Club
W6Q Chicago, IL Six Meter Club of Chicago

ROVER STATIONS

W6S ROVER 1 Northern Arizona DX Association
W6T ROVER 2 Northern Arizona DX Association

Special event stations are expected to be found in the vicinity of the following frequencies. (Look for digital modes in the standard band segments for such mode) All frequencies +/- QRM:

CW - 3533, 7033, 10110, 14033, 18080, 21033, 24900, 28033, 50033 kHz
SSB - 3866, 7266, 14266, 18164, 21366, 24966, 28466, 50166 kHz
Dig - 3580, 7070, 10140, 14070, 18100, 21070, 24920, 28120 kHz

R66 MOBILE Operations - Any amateurs operating while actually driving along Route 66 during the special event period are encouraged to take part in "Route 66 On The Air", by using the designation "mobile 66" for SSB or "/m66" for CW after their callsigns. All other amateur radio operators are welcome to contact these mobile operators.

REPEATERS - Some of the participating clubs will also be operating this event from their local VHF/UHF repeaters. Check the ARRL repeater guide for possible repeater frequencies, if your in the local area.

Each participating club will issue their own QSL card commemorating this event. QSL information is available on the Web at:
<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/qs1-card-request-guidelines>
<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/qs1-card-routing-and-station-website-addresses>
For more details about the event and the certificate that is available, please visit the "Route 66 OTA Site" at:
<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/route-66-on-the-air>
(via gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 4755-USB, Sept 8 at 0055, Air Force MARS with AFA4RA NCS calling other stations. Googling on that callsign finds a cache:

`I removed Rick Arnett, AFA4RA, from the position of Texas Emergency Coordinator effective 25 Mar 06. The 3661 is attached and will be

mailed to Rick on Monday. Any communication that would be of interest to the Texas EC, should be directed to me, and Jeff Salmons, AFF4E, during the time it takes me to appoint a new Texas EC. Don Roberson, AFF4TX / AFA4TH USAF MARS, Texas State MARS Director Posted 03/26/2006`` and:

``Rick Arnett, AFA4RA, has resigned and is no longer a MARS member. Don Roberson, AFF4TX / AFA4TH USAF MARS, Texas State MARS Director Posted 04/25/2006`` --- So maybe AFA4RA belongs to someone else now, or he's back? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 4802-USB, Sept 6 at 0109, Navy MARS net designated 5X1B, treated as if it's a station being called, but really a general call, from NCS NNN0ZIJ, everything {except all the NNNs} always in fonetix. With NNN0TDA, NNN0TSW and others, saying stand by for some (digital) traffic, 2k long which took about a minute; some remark about receiving it vs some interference, presumably alluding to the CODAR I was also hearing. Googling on the calls: NNN0ZIJ = Robert Barker in Wisconsin; NNN0TDA = Ed Green in Milton WI; NNN0TSW = ham call NA9J, John J Kotlarik in Green Bay (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. No more News in special English on VOA now new program called As It Is now instead. Monday-Friday is News related; Weekends about Art & Culture (Peter W Hansen, 0325 UT Sept 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I suppose referring to the 0130-0200 M-F broadcast on 9825 via Greenville to Caribbean? VOA's last remaining English broadcast to Americas (other than Radiograms, not all English and hardly any speech). Or this would be a good excuse to cancel it.

9825, UT Tuesday Sept 10 at 0159, VOA still on air in Specialish English (slower than usual, but not real slow), saying ``tune in again next Monday for more news about science``, into YDD sign-off. This is the only frequency still scheduled for the Tue-Sat 0130 broadcast via Greenville, and the only English for Americas.

9825, Sept 11 at 0116, VOA Greenville strong open carrier is already on before 0130 Specialish English service, just as Pres. Obama is finishing his live Syria speech via many TV networks. Would it be too much trouble for VOA to have carried this too instead of dead air? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VOA Radiogram for the weekend of 7-8 September 2013 will be a roller coaster of MFSK modes, from the 55-wpm MFSK16 to the 480-wpm MFSK128 and back eventually to MFSK16. If everything works correctly, the transmission will automatically change the modes on your decoding software. Text, images, web pages, English and Spanish will be

included (Kim Elliott, KD9XB, Sept 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello everyone, If anyone missed or does not know how to decode the VOA radiogram, this is a video I posted of the 5745 transmission at 0230 UT on September 8th 2013. The only part missing is the MFSK128 text. I had not installed the required software. You can see it here:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2npCUouv2rM&feature=share&list=UUw7FKchRP3oVw4Nh_L7oPAQ

73 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada,
<http://www.youtube.com/officialswlchannel>
dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Everything worked correctly with the newest Fldigi 3.21.75 + flmsg 1.1.32 + flamp 2.1.00. This time I had to use the last transmission of the weekend: Sun 1930-2000 15670 kHz. Everything was OK and with the two AM sidebands one has a certain amount of error protection.
<http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2013-09-08.htm>
73+55 (roger, Germany, ibid.)

** U S A. Keith Perron just wrote on Facebook: Pictures of the radio shack at the Voice of America K2VOA [sic].
<http://swling.com/blog/2013/09/a-photo-tour-of-the-voa-radio-shack-k3voa/>

Or
<http://swling.com/blog/2013/09/a-photo-tour-of-the-voa-radio-shack-k3voa/>
(Mike Terry, Sept 11, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. FOREIGN AUDIENCES LOOKING FOR ORIGINAL VOICE OF AMERICA REPORTS GET NEWS ANALYSIS FROM REUTERS ON VOA'S 'UNATTRACTIVE' WEBSITE
By BBGWatcher on 05 September 2013 in Featured News, Hot Tub Blog with No Comments
<http://www.usgbroadcasts.com/bbgwatch/2013/09/05/foreign-audiences-looking-for-original-voice-of-america-reports-get-news-analysis-from-reuters-on-voas-unattractive-website/#print>

BBG Watch Commentary

It is bad enough that under the leadership of Voice of America Director David Ensor and his deputy Steve Redisch, VOA news operation has become so unfocused that major breaking news is often posted late on the VOA English website and some important news stories such as the letter of U.S. Ambassador to an Egyptian newspaper protesting against anti-American reporting are not covered at all.

Read:

Time and Christian Science Monitor report on U.S. Ambassador's letter to Egyptian newspaper, VOA ignores the story, BBG Watch.

Gulf News columnist says Voice of America lost much of its relevance, BBG Watch.

It is already bad enough that quite a few top U.S. and international news stories on the VOA website are not from Voice of America but from Reuters. They at best get between one and ten Facebook "Likes," while similar stories on BBC, Al Jazeera, and Russia Today websites get hundreds, thousands, and even tens of thousands of Facebook "Likes" and hundreds of comments from readers.

Indeed. Why would Internet users abroad go to the VOA website to read short news items from Reuters?

Web audiences abroad are also ignoring many of the video reports being produced on orders from Ensor and Redisch, both former CNN staffers. Some recently produced videos have gotten 0 (zero) Facebook "Likes" and very few views on YouTube, while VOA's online news reporting plunged further into disarray.

The VOA management has now gone one step further. In addition to using Reuters news reports, the VOA English news website is now posting long-format news analyses from Reuters.

Two recent examples:

Reuters Syria Analysis on VOA

US Congress Fight Over Syria Pits Establishment Versus Upstarts, Reuters on Voice of America, September 4, 2013.

Several hours after the Reuters analysis was posted by Voice of America, it had only 1 (one) Facebook "Like," 2 (two) Tweets, 0 (zero) Google+, and 0 (zero) comments. Even the next day, it had only 5 (five) Facebook "Likes," 4 (four) Tweets, and still 0 (zero) Google+ and 0 (zero) comments.

VOA website apparently does not open the comments feature for Reuters news items and analyses. Rightly so. What does Reuters have to do with the Voice of America?

Reuters Syria Iran Analysis on VOA

Analysis: US Strike on Syria Could Derail Iranian President's Master Plan, Reuters on Voice of America, September 4, 2013.

Several hours after the Reuters analysis was posted by Voice of America, it had only 6 (six) Facebook "Likes," 8 (eight) Tweets, 0

(zero) Google+, and 0 (zero) comments. the next day, it had only 9 (nice) Facebook "Likes," 12 (twelve) Tweets, and still 0 (zero) Google+ and 0 (zero) comments.

One Voice of America correspondent observed:

"Our leaders, such as the BBG Governors, talk the talk on the future of VOA being online but we don't walk the walk. Our web site is unattractive, hard to use, hard to Google and our content only gets posted many hours after it's produced."

Original news reports from Voice of America correspondents on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and at the State Department are often underplayed on the web site, posted late, or not posted at all.

Under VOA web posting policies, international audiences can no longer be absolutely sure whether they are reading outside material or VOA news reports or analyses, especially since some contributors are only identified by name without mentioning their possible VOA affiliation. Some original reports by VOA correspondents are drastically shortened before being posted on the website. They are sometimes attributed to a VOA correspondent even though they have been altered. At other times, there is no attribution.

Compared to Reuters news analyses on Syria posted by VOA, which failed to get more than ten Facebook "Likes," Russia Today report, Congress may vote 'No' on Syria attack, had as of Thursday afternoon EST 2,800 Facebook "Likes," 173 Tweets, 94 Google+, and 72 comments.

In slightly more than an hour, Russia Today report increased its Facebook "Likes" by 700, while Reuters reports on the VOA website gained less than five "Likes" in more than 12 hours.

Russia Today US Congress Syria Analysis

BBC, Fox News and other international media reported that President Putin claimed Secretary of State John Kerry lied about the presence of Al Qaeda in Syria. The VOA English website mentioned Putin's attack on Kerry but did not report on any U.S. reaction to his accusation against the Secretary of State.

In, Divided G20 discusses Syria crisis in St Petersburg, BBC reported that "In the run-up to the summit, the US and Russia have engaged in tit-for-tat insults. US Secretary of State John Kerry accused Russia of 'obstructionism', and Mr Putin responded by calling Mr Kerry a 'liar'."

In, State Department fires back over Putin claims Kerry 'lied' about

Syria, Fox News reported State Department officials fired back at Putin Wednesday night.

"'This is certainly not the first time we've seen a visceral response from President Putin'," they told Fox News. 'Needless to say, the Secretary of State testified truthfully and accurately to the Congress'."

VOA correspondent James Brooke reported from St. Petersburg on Putin's accusation, but the VOA website had nothing on any reaction from the State Department.

Voice of America's main report today on G20 Summit and Syria, Obama Presses Syria Strike at G20 Summit, was not a report from a VOA correspondent but apparently a compilation of news and reports prepared by the VOA web desk. As of Thursday afternoon, it showed 10 (ten) Facebook "Likes," 18 (eighteen) Tweets and 1 (one) comment.

A BBC report, Divided G20 discusses Syria crisis in St Petersburg, had 1,412 Facebook "Likes," and 1,648 Tweets.

VOA G20

BBC G20

Russia Today's running news story, Syria 'chemical weapons' crisis: LIVE UPDATES, shows 9,200 Facebook "Likes," and 9,259 Tweets since it first appeared on August 27.

Russia Today Syria Chemical Weapons

Voice of America insiders warn that the VOA English website no longer appears "to be a useful place to land and check out the latest news and maybe browse through some other interesting material."

"People will not visit," a VOA reporter said, ". . .if someone coming to our web site cannot find a story and does not have the option of calling the web desk, they are just going to move on to some other site and not bother with us."

Another VOA insider said:

"[I believe] the web desk is indeed "dismissive" of significant U.S. news events and major U.S. political developments and that we need to have a substantive discussion on what our mission is and how it is reflected on our web site."

More comments from VOA reporters:

" . . .periods of up to 10 hours when most of our target audience is awake (Asia) can pass without a single item being posted on the web site."

"BBC routinely leaves VOA in the dust when it comes to web page updating . . . I've seen it time and time again."

"This has nothing to with ego. It has to do with having our website deal with stories in a coherent way and a journalistically sound manner. What's the use of trying to do real reporting if our primary mass platform is simply going to treat it as so much digital waste paper?"

" . . .correspondents and writers are forced to undertake personal interventions to ensure that their material appears correctly without errors, or that reports appear at all."

A former U.S. international broadcasting executive told BBG Watch that a major management failure and failure of leadership is responsible for VOA's dismal news reporting and social media audience engagement performance. The expert said that instead of attacking journalists like Gary Thomas and Matthew Russell Lee who criticize them, VOA executives should do something about VOA news management and the VOA website.

"But it is more likely that the new Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will have to do it for them," the expert added.

"Someone like Kevin Klose (RFE/RL President hired by the BBG and credited with restoring high journalistic standards and good management) needs to be brought in to change the entire management culture at IBB and VOA," the expert suggested.

"Current Voice of America and International Broadcasting Bureau executives are no more respected and liked by VOA journalists and IBB employees than news analyses from Reuters posted on the VOA website are 'Liked' by Facebook users," a former U.S. international broadcasting manager said (BBGWatch via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1685 monitoring: confirmed starting at 2100:56 Thursday Sept 5 on WTTW-1, 9479; also confirmed starting at 0329 UT Friday Sept 6 on WWRB webcast and presumably 5050. Next: UT Saturday 0200v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB.

WORLD OF RADIO 1685 monitoring: confirmed on Area 51 webcast, UT Saturday Sept 7 promptly at 0200 after a minute loop of ``a hi-pitched buzz`` accompanied by music; no, not my voice tho sometimes I am quoted totally out of context. Presumably also on WBCQ 5110v-CUSB

which was heard before 0100 with AWWW.

Hamburger Lokalradio and everything else from the G^hren transmitter in Germany are off the air pending antenna repairs after storm damage, expected back not before early October. [later: not so; see below]

Next WOR: Saturday 2327v on WTWW-2 9930 (if like last week; or possibly after 0000 Sunday on 5085); UT Sunday 0401 on WTWW-1 5830; (last week there was not a recurrence on 9930/5085 Sunday/Monday).

WORLD OF RADIO 1685 monitoring: confirmed Saturday 2330v on WTWW-2 9930, in progress at 2343 and over before 2400. Next airing, however, UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW-1 5830 was instead dead air past 0430. (Modulation had resumed at 0536 check.) I'm told WOR did go out on the SFAW satellite feed. Possibly another try Sunday 2330v on 9930 or Monday 0000v on 5085, but did not show there last week (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9930 WTWW - World of Radio --- Al momento 2350 UT en 9930 la emisora WTWW con el programa del colega Glenn Hauser, World of Radio (Rafael Rodríguez, Colombia, Sat Sept 7, condiglista yg via DXLD

Saludos amigo Rafael. Copiandolo por Venezuela con buena se0al pero parece que hay alguna portadora de fondo tratando de entrar en la misma frecuencia de 9930 (JosÈ Elías Díaz Gûmez, Venezuela, 2357 UT, ibid.)

TED RANDALL assures us that Sat 2330v is a reliable time for WOR on 9930 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1686 monitoring: completed just in time for first airing on WRMI, UT Thursday Sept 12 at 0330, as confirmed on webcast, presumably also 9955. Next:

Thu 2105 on WTWW-1 9479

UT Fri 0327v on WWRB 5050

UT Sat 0200v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB

Sat 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio, 7265-CUSB (with temporary antenna following storm damage to main antenna)

Sat 1500 on WRMI 9955

Sat 2327v on WTWW-2 9930

UT Sun 0401 on WTWW-1 5830 (modulation missing last week)

Tue 1100 on WRMI 9955

Wed 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio, 7265-CUSB (with temporary antenna following storm damage to main antenna)

also via:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5085, Sept 8 at 0054, Ted Randall advertising hamtest online on WTWW-2; apparently his show continues at uncertain hourspan instead of Brother Scare early UT Sundays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 2341 Sept 8: Good signal from WTWW on 9479 kHz with very strong heterodyne from China National Radio 11 on 9480 kHz (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9930 before 2400 Sunday Sept 8 and 5085 after 0000 Monday Sept 9, several spot chex show WTWW-2 has stayed with Brother Scare unlike 24 hours earlier UT Sat/Sun when breaking away for Ted Randall and gh shows (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5110-CUSB, UT Wed Sept 11 at 0121, this is not the 'Heart & Soul of America' broadcast expected; instead, 'Fred Flintstone Music Show', mentions Radio Newyork International, monolog about Toyotas and caradios, 0126 back to music. WBCQ 5110 schedule at <http://schedule.wbcq.com/main.php?fn=sked&freq=5110> now shows Heart & Soul at 01-02 only on UT Thursdays & Saturdays, nothing on Wednesdays. H&S was originally Tue thru Sat, so FFMS must be another ad-hoc filler (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. [Re 13-36:] QSLs: 5890, WWCN, QSL via E C Fulcher's Global SW Club -- f/d card signed by iDrî Ec Fulcher, Jr. received along with a whole packet of goodies including a laminated membership card for the GSWC, back issues of the GSWC newsletter and a 2001 copyright flyer from Radio Shack about what SW is and how to tune signals, including useful frequency information for stations like ORU Belgium, 4VEH, R RSA, R Luxembourg and R Berlin Int (never mind that all of these, and many of the other ones listed as 'common in North America' had long since gone the way of the dodo, and some that SHOULD have been there, like VoA, DW, and Channel Africa were missing!). I haven't seen stuff like this in a long time! All in about 2 months for an email reception report and request to join the club (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI, MARE Tipsheet Sept 6 via DXLD)

** U S A. 6970, WWCN Nashville TN; 2251, 4-Sep; Mixing product between 13845 with Rev. Barbi & 6875 with English otherhuxter -- Rev. Barbi dominant --- as it should be! Fair peaks to zilch (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15825, Sept 5 at 1317, WWCN is inbooming instead of JBA, so must be getting an off-season sporadic E boost, which however does not rise anywhere near VHF, nor even affect similar-distanced 15610 WEWN.

[and non]. 5980, Sept 6 at 0555 tri-religious mix of Vatican Radio with organ music fill after Latin mass, and WWCR leapfrog mixing product of 5890 with Brother Scare and 5935 with Pastor Melissa Scott another 45 kHz higher: quite a choice, all on one frequency, Catholix vs --- whatever! Could not get rid of WWCR even with max attenuation, and furthermore a subaudible heterodyne was present of 112 per minute = 1.87 Hz, which leads me to believe that the WWCR audio mix was axually being transmitted, rather than a receiver overload produxion (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. QSL: 17775, KVOH, Voice of Hope recid an e-mail response in six hours after posting my June 6 report of their test broadcast. Then 12 days later recid their QSL card with full data and with transmitter co-ordinates. V/S; Ray Robinson, Operations Manager (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thank you for responding to the test broadcasts KVOH conducted on 17775 kHz a couple of months ago. We were happy that our transmitter performed well, but were disappointed with the propagation conditions that make use of 16 metres challenging at the present time. However, we have also been working hard to restore a second transmitter to operate on 31 metres (a band we have not operated on for over 6 years). That work is nearing completion, and we would like to run two more evening tests to see how the tx is performing.

Accordingly, we would very much appreciate your reception reports (or preferably, recordings) of the tests we will be running on 9975 kHz on Friday and Saturday evenings this week. The exact times are:

Saturday 7th 0100-0400 UT

Sunday 8th 0100-0400 UT

In North and Central America, that would be this Friday and Saturday evenings, 8-11pm Central, 9pm-12am Eastern. The test program will be similar to last time, but not exactly the same. It will contain segments in both English and Spanish.

The transmitter site is near Los Angeles, and here it is currently getting dark at about 0230 UTC (7:30pm local). Therefore, during the first half of these tests, the transmission path will be increasingly in darkness, and for the last 90 minutes or so will be in complete darkness. Please let us know what reception sounds like at your location as the evening progresses, and also what type of receiver and antenna you are using.

Reception reports may be emailed to "QSL@kvoh.net" or sent to:

KVOH - Voice of Hope

P. O. Box 102
Los Angeles, CA 90078
United States of America

All correct reports will be verified with our QSL card. Thank you very much in advance for your assistance with this test! *:.) happy (Ray Robinson, Operations Manager, KVOH - Voice of Hope / Voz de Esperanza, Los Angeles, 0425 UT Sept 6, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In case you haven't heard, Ray Robinson of KVOH, Los Angeles, tells me they will be testing their other transmitter on the other frequency, 9975, UT Sat & Sun Sept 7 & 8 at 0100-0400; reports wanted to QSL@KVOH.net, especially comparing before and after sunset there around 0230. I see in HFCC and Aoki that CVC from Uzbekistan to South Asia in Hindi is scheduled daily at the very same time on 9975, 100 kW, 186 degrees from Tashkent (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9975, CALIFORNIA, KVOH, Rancho Simi. *0037 September 7, 2013. First of two consecutive nights tests to Central America / Caribbean. Carrier up at 0037 and into less than 1000 cycle tone till 0100. ID's, music fills, address etc. including in Spanish. Excellent signal through around 0200 tune-out (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; JPS NF-60 Notch Filter; JPS ANC-4 Noise Phase; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9975, KVOH. 07/09 02 UT. Música en inglés y español con mensajes intercalados en los mismos idiomas de manera continua y que se repite cada media hora. Señal con poco QRN y SINPO: 54454, y en algunos momentos con SINPO: 54444. 73 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: Beverage de 20 metros con balun 9:1, QTH: Centro de Ovalle, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

KVOH heard September 7, 2013 9975 kHz at 0100 UT with religious programming. SIO 252. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, VA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

En pocos minutos se inician las nuevas emisiones de prueba de la estación KVOH a través de los 9975 kHz; al momento 0035 ya se nota la señal portadora aunque de formas intermitente. Glenn Hauser a través de sus logs con fecha septiembre 6, 2013 informa que el encargado de la emisora Sr Ray Robinson está interesado en comparar la cobertura y alcance de la señal antes y después del anochecer local de Los Angeles o sea hacia las 0230 UT (Rafael Rodríguez R., Colombia, UT Sept 7, condigllista yg via DXLD)

Por ac. llega muy fuerte; por momentos satura 9975, UT 0130 (Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, ibid.)

Por mi qth con SINPO: 54454 justo com mensaje de tx de prueba y m'sica en inglEs. 73 (Claudio Galaz, Chile, ibid.)

Se escucha como si hubiera otra emisora abajo, pero no la puedo separar. Es una conversaci n entre locutor y locutora lo que se escucha abajo (Paulero, 0140 UT Sept 7, ibid.) CVC UZBEKISTAN to India

9975, Sept 7 at 0049 tune-in, KVOH is already on with tone and still at 0058. This is their first test of transmitter-2 on frequency-2 instead of 17775, as per advance notice from Ray Robinson (but not enough notice for me to mention on this week's World of Radio 1685). 0103 next check now with soul music, ``Are you Ready?``, VG signal level but selective fading distortion especially on the music. This could be avoided by suppressing one of the sidebands. 0106 applause and Voice of Hope test announcement from KVOH, Los Angeles, licensed by FCC, etc., asking for reports to QSL@kvoh.net or their P O Box; then solo song.

I was also hearing some humbuzz, but it was also on other strong 31m signals despite my operating DX-398 with battery on the porch, so maybe of local origin. I was also hearing modulation spike peaks as far down as 9890, but then also heard them on 9975 itself under KVOH modulation and not matching them, so source from something else.

0116 Spanish test announcement, 0130 Spanish and English IDs. Ray was wondering if signal would drop off after sundown there circa 0230, but no noticeable difference here, stayed very strong at spot chex later such as 0248; 0400 sign-off with standard blessing, brief tone and carrier off at 0401*. Never any sign here of CVC Uzbekistan to India scheduled at exact same hours 01-04, but Harald Kuhl says that was totally blocking KVOH in Europe, so Ray is going to extend the second test another half hour until 0430 UT Sunday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The first test was very successful, and the reports we have received have been overwhelmingly positive. There was some atmospheric fading towards the end, but the only interference reported was from listeners in Europe and Australia/New Zealand. None was noted in the Americas. For this first 31mb test, we have so far received email reports from listeners in 18 U.S. states, 7 Latin American countries, plus Canada, Australia, New Zealand and several countries in Europe. In order to give European listeners a better chance to hear us without interference, it has been decided to extend the second test by 30 minutes, to 0430 UTC Sunday. That should allow 30 minutes of reception after CVC has left the channel, unless the path from California has

faded out completely by that time. We'll see. Anyway, thanks to all for the information provided. It has been extremely useful, and very encouraging. We are looking forward to recommencing regular programming soon (Ray Robinson, KVOH - Los Angeles, Sept 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here in Germany the channel was blocked by tentative CVC V. Asia all the time. 73 (Harald Kuhl, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

[and non]. 9975, Sept 8 at 0052 a JBA carrier, so maybe CVC Tashkent already on for 0100 broadcast, as KVOH test carrier not on as early tonight as it was 24 hours earlier. It is on at next check 0101, very good signal as before, praise music in English. Again holds up very well at later spotchex; 0350 brief carrier break, fading down a bit and back up; usual Spanish and English requests for reports, FCC licensing, praise music in both languages (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Great signal into Massachusetts tonight, 0230 UT (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass. UT Sept 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good signal also here into Miami area tonight, 0240 UT. Thanks for the Test!!! 73 (Dino Bloise, Dania, FL, ibid.)

KVOH escuchada en Montevideo a las 0138 UT:
<http://youtu.be/4rWaVu8-PUU>
(Rodolfo Tizzi, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Solid signal for KVOH into Houston between 0350 and 0420 September 8, but that was to be expected as the signal is aimed directly at us. Much cleaner audio than the last KVOH incarnation a few years back. However during music I'm hearing quite a bit of splatter extending 15 kHz either side of 9975, but clean 20 kHz out. It did disturb Egypt on 9965 after 0400.

Is KVOH still using the old ex-HCJB unit(s) or did they acquire some different transmitters? (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9975, KVOH (Los Angeles, Estados Unidos), 0110 UT. Identificación en Español: ...esta es KVOH, Los Angeles, California'', luego música en español, y anuncio de transmisiones, licencia FCC y prueba de transmisión. Luego más música, SINPO: 55444. Receptor: DEGEN 1103 + Antena Cable Largo 3 Metros (Marcos Cox, Chile, Sept 8, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Tonight (8 September) I caught KVOH ID under strong CVC carrier shortly before 0100 UT when CVC started its program. Not sure if CVC

really signed off at 0400, but after that I heard some music till around 0430. Then KVOH test tone and s/off. The signal was weak and hardly readable at my location in Germany. 73 (Harald Kuhl, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 11550, Sept 7 at 1317, open-carrier dead-air instead of Spanish from WEWN, same on weaker // 12050. But the English channel, 15610 is modulating song at 1324 with usual poor signal when lacking Es enhancement. Left a receiver on 11550, with volume up to notice when it remodulate: never, at 1358 check, nor after a tank of lawnmowing, at 1509, nor 1531 nor 1631 --- still OC/DA on both Spanish frequencies!

What a poor excuse for a radio station, SW or otherwise. If she were there yet, Mr. Angelica would be turning over in her grave? Ha, really no evidence The Foundress ever showed any interest in making her station work in a professional manner. We can only conclude that *no one* at the studio, master control or transmitter site is paying any attention to what's (not) going on the air. Leave it to the computer automation, let it crash, with no silence-sensor alarm bells ringing. Frequency change from 12050 to 13830 is scheduled at 1700, so will anyone notice then? 11550 goes off circa 1700, and 1706 as far as I can tell, no signals on 13830 or 12050, but 15610 is still audible in English.

All that electrical energy expense wasted for at least four hours on two transmitters could have gone to: how about feeding the poor.

7555, Sept 8 at 0546, WEWN Spanish is still missing, clearing for the French ute noise on hi side; at 0548, // 11870 WEWN is also absent, but English is there on 11520. Next check at 1236 Sept 8, still AWOL from 11550 and 12050, but both are back by 1354.

As in previous report, Spanish went off both frequencies at 1700 Sept 7 after several hours of dead air, so apparently stayed off all afternoon and night.

11861 & 11879 approx., Sept 9 at 0057, squishy squealing spurs from WEWN Spanish 11870, are still there while the fundamental signal is strong enough. Taking the Spanish transmitters down for a couple days was certainly not in order to fix them; it never is (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Frequency change of WINB Red Lion. First noted on Sep. 1: 1100-1200 NF 9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg to CeAm English Sun only, ex 13570 --- Using a remote receiver in San Antonio (Ivo Ivanov, DX Re Mix News 798, Sept 11 via DXLD) Really new? (gh)

** U S A. 650, Sept 11 from 0500 UT I am hoping to catch an ID for the 24/7 Comedy station I heard last night, but too much WSM now, and nothing else copiable when it's nulled. 0508, WSM is playing the Star Spangled Banner in a solo vocal version, segue to America the Beautiful. Do they do this every night? No, probably just for 9/11, as Marcia was talking about that in a few minutes, the rest of the night to be patriotic music inspired by the tragedy (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 690, UT Sunday Sept 8 at 0502 UT, KGGF Coffeyville KS is going from ``Battle Hymn of the Republic`` to Taps at sign-off (but not carrier-off).

690, UT Monday Sept 9 at 0501, KGGF Coffeyville KS is playing ``Battle Hymn of the Republic`` again before Taps and sign-off but not carrier-off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 770, Sept 11 at 0506 UT, ad for some casino event on Sept 17, KKOB ID and promo Mark Levin show. I am also hearing KKOB at many other night hours, not strong enough for full 50 nondirectional blast with day facilities, but certainly more than the 230-watt Santa Fe fill-in. Therefore I must conclude that the night DA null toward WABC is out of whack (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 880, Sept 9 at 1208 UT with KRVN N/S nulled, all I hear is ``La Ranchera`` slogan. Unfortunately no Mexicans in any of the three listings are named that; a recent change? Or could be a US station; there are already a few SS on 880. I was about to file this as unidentified till I googled La Ranchera 880 and found this dated July 18, 2013:

<http://www.allaccess.com/net-news/archive/story/120421/el-sol-nashville-becomes-la-ranchera>

DAVIDSON MEDIA GROUP Spanish Variety WMDB-A/NASHVILLE has tweaked its brand from "El Sol 880" to "La Ranchera." You can check out the new look and sound here:

<http://www.laranchera880.com/>

FCC AM Query shows call is still WMDB (NOT WMDB-A!!), with 2.5 kW day, TWO WATTS night, pace WCBS, always non-directional. September SR/SS: 1130/2400 UT. Also has PSRA protecting WCBS (and/or CMAB!) of 47 watts in Apr/Sep/Oct; 2 to 10 watts other months except Feb with a hefty 500; and N/A May-Aug (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WINK (AM) 1200 kHz, Pine Island Center (Ft Myers), FL) switched format (was News/Talk) and calls to Mex-Spanish WJUA "Juan" a couple of weeks ago. They throw a huge signal up the Florida west

coast with their semi-recent 50 kW day upgrades. I presume WOAI, San Antonio, TX is fine over there, but here from sunrise through what would be WOAI post-sunrise reception, about 30 more minutes, no longer is the case. Believe they are simulcasting on 1460 WNPL, Golden Gate (10 kW day) for now. These changes didn't make it in time for the new NRC AM Log booklet, received in the mail Friday. So if you hear Mexi-Spanish format not pointing to the real Mexico on 1200, or 1460 for that matter, it could be this (Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, Sept 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WHO will snap up WINK for calls? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 1270, Sept 5 at 1907 UT on caradio at a fairly quiet parking lot on the west side of Enid, hearing two stations, one with Spanish music, and the other with English talk. SS is surely KRVt Claremore / Tulsa, as indeed IDed at 1915 as ``La Qu  Buena`` (as not misspelt in the NRC AM Log 2012), and would expect the second signal to be 50 kW KFLC Fort Worth, but it's also Spanish, the last we knew, with Univisi n Am rica.

Don't recognize the voice of the English talker, but 1956 finally mentions it's the Glenn Beck Show, so with a sub today. Can't pull any ID before 2000 Fox News with the QRM, but suspect there wasn't any. Other close 1270 for daytime groundwave is KSCB Liberal (no jokes, please), Kansas, and indeed it's on the Beck affiliate list. I don't normally get this in the daytime. It was fading up and down regularly, not too fast and not too slow, maybe as SAH with KRVt.

Soon ruled out any skywave this time of year on higher frequencies scarcely a semihour after local mean noon at 1832 UT. KSCB is nondirexional days with 5 kW, so it's feasible, really only 175 statute miles, 281 km, quite closer than FW but with one tenth the power, except most of KFLC's power heads E/W, not toward us at all (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1270, Sept 7 at 1756 UT, daytime groundwave on caradio, I am hearing two stations mixing in Spanish, one talk, one music, no English. Parked on the north side of Enid, while previously on the west side I was hearing Spanish music and English talk, the latter leading to KSCB Liberal KS. So now it must be KRVt Claremore/Tulsa, and KFLC Fort Worth TX instead (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1290, Sept 10 at 1220 UT, KWFS Wichita Falls TX ``Rise & Shine`` show is bragging about stream reaching everywhere, as they hear from California, North Korea, and Africa! Lots of local ads (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1500, ALABAMA, WQCR, Alabaster. 1050 August 30, 2013. Mexi-tunes, Spanish announcer. Male canned, iWQCR, Alabaster-Birmingham  at 1101 and back to Mexi-tunes. Same ID 1101 September 9 (Terry L

Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75;
Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF
Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; JPS NF-60 Notch Filter; JPS ANC-4
Noise Phase; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage
non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1640, Sept 5 at 0457 UT, local KOAG has CCI from an ESPN
Radio station, even when KOAG is not fully nulled. Must be WTNI Biloxi
MS, as recently reactivated, the only known ESPN on 1640, and a
slightly different angle from here than KOAG site; sounds like instead
of 1 kW night power, it could be the 10 kW day that WTNI has
previously been accused of running. The two are a fast SAH apart,
which means maybe circa 15 Hz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re 13-36: 1660 Memphis correction [third callsign]:
I was in Memphis the other day and noted the following. There are
three stations in Memphis giving traffic updates all on 1660.
WREX 384
WREX 385
WQEZ 238*
(Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. Kaz, I've been monitoring 1710 for the last hour and it's
the usual mix here: the Hudson County, NJ. TIS, Radio Celestial from
the Bronx (despite that FCC bust letter that circulated around, they
continue to broadcast), and Chicago pirate "W807". Radio Celestial
plays music this time of night and if you listen to 1710 in upper
sideband then you will notice they are about 24 Hz above 1710.

"W807" airs anything from hard rock music to religious preaching
(programming is in English). For me, "W807" is the least heard here
but I'm surprised nobody else has reported it. It's been on the air
for at least a year or so that I'm aware of. Nothing has changed
within the last year or two on 1710 as far as my reception has shown.
73, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, Sept 6, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. Re 13-35: ``David ``Stretch`` Gregory, host of NBC's `Meet
the Press` keeps throwing to the first commercial break as ``back in
one minute``. Not *a* minute...``

This is less annoying than NBC Today's long standing commercial out
live read announcement, "But first this is Today" for local affiliates
manually monitoring to queue spots. Of course it's "Today" and why is
it first? (Terry Krueger, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That annoyed me too tho rarely view/hear that show any more especially
with AFN Guam gone(?); I recall that the complete cue was ``But first,
this is Today on NBC``. What they mean is, ``But first, I have to say:

This is Today on NBC``.

Which reminds me, the next Sunday on `MTP`, I didn't have my stopwatch out, but again noted the second batch of ads after the mid-show teaser break lasted 93 seconds from 31 past the hour, instead of ``60``
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VANUATU. For over a month, I have been checking for R. Vanuatu on weekends after RN2 [Nikkei, Japan, 3945] goes off (0900*), but so far only heard assume them with below threshold level open carrier (not a ham). Only having two days to check for them certainly cuts down the odds of hearing a good day from them. RN2 has certainly encroached onto the long standing Vanuatu schedule (Ron Howard, Monterey CA, Sept 6, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [non]. RUSSIA / UZBEKISTAN, 9900 via Irkutsk // 11850 via Tashkent, Vatican Radio Russian Broadcast to Asia Aug. 29 *1230-1300*

Sign-on with I.S., into brief news brief, religious service, with closing hymn prior to sign-off announcements. 1259 schedule and I.S. followed to sign-off on 9900 while 11850 continued with Radio Veritas program. Both heard fairly well with 11850 slight edge over 9900 (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Receiver: Drake R8A; Antenna: BEST heard on 125 foot long wire, pointed due east, with 4:1 Balun Match, with Pi-type Antenna Tuner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Veritas program on 11850 in Vietnamese at 1300 comes direct from Philippines; Vatican is direct from SMG until 1258 and resumes at 1415 or 1430 to S Asia (gh, DXLD)

** VATICAN [non?]. 15570, Sat Sept 7 after 2030, good signal from Vatican Radio in Brazuguese, 2058 closing as ``servi o brasileiro``, off at 2100*. This is strange, not on the schedules. 15570 supposedly lasts only until 1930 in Spanish to Central Africa, per EiBi, and that is only on Saturdays. EiBi shows the only VR transmissions at 2030/2100 as French to CAf on 11625, and Arabic at 2040-2100 on 5980, 9645, 7250, 13765. Rather odd time for Brasil, too. WRTH 2013 indicated the only Portuguese to SAm was 0030 on 7305, long since deleted. Maybe this was a special broadcast, but did not seem to be; by Sept 8 check, the VR website has deleted any specials pertaining to the day before (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I later remembered that one could retrieve ``special`` schedules by messing with the date in the URL, so here was Saturday Sept 7 in CET, including the 15570 Portuguese frequency; started 1650 UT and evidently lasted all the way until 2100?:
http://en.radiovaticana.va/trasm_spec.asp?cod=txs_2013_09_07_ing.asp#txs

``Saturday 07 September 2013 Vigil of Prayer for Peace at 07.00 pm

From St. Peter's Square, the Prayer's Vigil presided over by Pope Francis to mark the world day of prayer and fasting for peace in Siria, Middle East and around the world.

Live broadcast from 06.50 p.m.

- in Portuguese for Africa on kHz 15570 SW and via Internet on Channel 4

-in Italian for the Rome area on kHz 585 MW, MHz 105,0 FM and via Internet on Channel 5

-in Spanish via Internet on Channel 6

-in French for Africa on kHz 11675 SW and via Internet on Channel 7

-International Sound via Internet on Channel 8

-in English for Africa on kHz 13765 SW and via Internet on Channel 9

-in German via Internet on Channel 10``

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This article I ran across on Hal Lindsey.com. There is a couple of recordings that went with the article at the bottom of the article at:
http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2013/09/07/prayer_and_fasting_for_peace/en1-726451
(via Rich Lewis, Sept 8, dxldyg via DXLD)

** VATICAN STATE [and non]. Summer A-13 SW schedule of Vatican Radio:

0025-0040 11730 SMG 250 kW / 073 deg to SoAs Urdu Mon/Thu

0025-0040 15470 TIN 250 kW / 283 deg to SoAs Urdu Mon/Thu

0040-0100 11730 TAC 100 kW / 141 deg to SoAs Hindi

0040-0100 15470 TIN 250 kW / 283 deg to SoAs Hindi

0100-0120 11730 TAC 100 kW / 141 deg to SoAs Tamil

0100-0120 15470 TIN 250 kW / 283 deg to SoAs Tamil

0120-0140 11730 TAC 100 kW / 141 deg to SoAs Malayalam

0120-0140 15470 TIN 250 kW / 283 deg to SoAs Malayalam

0140-0200 11730 TAC 100 kW / 141 deg to SoAs English

0140-0200 15470 TIN 250 kW / 283 deg to SoAs English

0200-0220 15460 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Hindi

0200-0245 7305 GB 250 kW / 184 deg to CeAm Spanish

0220-0240 15460 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Tamil

0240-0300 15460 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Malayalam

0210-0230 7335 SMG 250 kW / 086 deg to CeAs Armenian

0210-0230 9645 SMG 100 kW / 086 deg to CeAs Armenian

 0300-0320 15460 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs English
 0300-0330 7360 MDC 250 kW / 295 deg to CEAF English
 0300-0330 9660 SMG 250 kW / 149 deg to CEAF English

 0320-0335 15460 PUG 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Urdu Mon/Thu

 0330-0345 7360 MDC 250 kW / 295 deg to CEAF Swahili Sun
 0330-0345 9660 SMG 250 kW / 149 deg to CEAF Swahili Sun

 0330-0400 7360 MDC 250 kW / 295 deg to CEAF Swahili Mon-Sat
 0330-0400 9660 SMG 250 kW / 149 deg to CEAF Swahili Mon-Sat

 0345-0400 9660 SMG 250 kW / 135 deg to EAf Somali Sun
 0345-0400 11625 MDC 250 kW / 350 deg to EAf Somali Sun

 0400-0415 11625 SMG 250 kW / 120 deg to EAf Amharic
 0400-0415 13765 SMG 250 kW / 135 deg to EAf Amharic

 0400-0430 9645 SMG 250 kW / 114 deg to N/ME Arabic
 0400-0430 11715 SMG 100 kW / 098 deg to N/ME Arabic
 0400-0430 21560 PHT 250 kW / 303 deg to EAAs Chinese

 0415-0430 11625 SMG 250 kW / 120 deg to EAf Tigrinya
 0415-0430 13765 SMG 250 kW / 135 deg to EAf Tigrinya

 0430-0500 11625 SMG 250 kW / 169 deg to ECAF French
 0430-0500 13765 MDC 250 kW / 295 deg to ECAF French

 0500-0530 11625 SMG 500 kW / 184 deg to WCAF English
 0500-0530 13765 MDC 250 kW / 265 deg to SoAf English

 0530-0600 5980 SMG 100 kW / 330 deg to WeEu Latin Mass
 0530-0600 7250 SMG 250 kW / 004 deg to EAf Latin Mass
 0530-0600 9645 SMG 250 kW / 326 deg to WeEu Latin Mass
 0530-0600 11625 SMG 250 kW / 238 deg to EAf Portuguese
 0530-0600 11740 SMG 100 kW / 130 deg to NEAf Latin Mass
 0530-0600 13765 MDC 250 kW / 300 deg to SoAf Portuguese
 0530-0600 15570 SMG 250 kW / 175 deg to SoAf Portuguese
 0530-0600 15595 SMG 100 kW / 121 deg to N/ME Latin Mass

 0600-0615 15595 SMG 250 kW / 121 deg to N/ME Italian Mon-Sat

 0600-0630 13765 SMG 250 kW / 214 deg to EAf French
 0600-0630 15570 SMG 250 kW / 175 deg to WCAF French

 0610-0730 7250 SMG 250 kW / 054 deg to EAf Romanian liturgy Sun

0610-0730 9645 SMG 100 kW / 054 deg to EaEu Romanian liturgy Sun
 0615-0745 9850 SMG 250 kW / 054 deg to EaEu Ukrainian liturgy Sun
 0615-0745 11740 SMG 250 kW / 058 deg to EaEu Ukrainian liturgy Sun
 0615-0630 15595 SMG 250 kW / 121 deg to N/ME French Mon-Sat
 0630-0645 15595 SMG 250 kW / 121 deg to N/ME English Mon-Sat
 0630-0700 13765 SMG 250 kW / 214 deg to WeAf English
 0630-0700 15570 SMG 250 kW / 175 deg to WCAf English
 0645-0705 7250 SMG 250 kW / 326 deg to WeEu Arabic Mon-Sat
 0645-0705 11740 SMG 250 kW / 228 deg to NEAf Arabic Mon-Sat
 0645-0705 11740 SMG 100 kW / 145 deg to EaAf Arabic Mon-Sat
 0645-0705 15595 SMG 250 kW / 107 deg to N/ME Arabic Mon-Sat
 0730-0815 7250 SMG 100 kW / 330 deg to WeEu Italian Mass Sun
 0800-0915 5980 SMG 250 kW / 330 deg to WeEe Papal Audience Wed
 0830-0950 11740 SMG 250 kW / 058 deg to EaEu Russian liturgy 2nd Sun
 0830-0950 11740 SMG 250 kW / 058 deg to EaEu Ukrainian liturgy 4th Sun
 0830-0950 11740 SMG 250 kW / 083 deg to CeAs Armenian liturgy 3rd Sun
 0830-0950 11740 SMG 250 kW / 098 deg to N/ME Arabic liturgy 5th Sun
 0830-0950 15595 SMG 250 kW / 049 deg to N/ME Russian liturgy 2nd Sun
 0830-0950 15595 SMG 250 kW / 049 deg to N/ME Ukrainian liturgy 4th Sun
 0830-0950 15595 SMG 250 kW / 089 deg to CeAs Armenian liturgy 3rd Sun
 0830-0950 15595 SMG 250 kW / 107 deg to EaAf Amharic liturgy 1st Sun
 0830-0950 15595 SMG 250 kW / 121 deg to EaAf Arabic liturgy 5th Sun
 0830-0950 17590 SMG 250 kW / 072 deg to CeAs Russian liturgy 2nd Sun
 0830-0950 17590 SMG 250 kW / 072 deg to CeAs Armenian liturgy 3rd Sun
 0830-0950 17590 SMG 250 kW / 072 deg to CeAs Ukrainian liturgy 4th Sun
 0830-0950 17590 SMG 250 kW / 098 deg to N/ME Arabic liturgy 5th Sun
 0830-0950 17590 SMG 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Amharic liturgy 1st Sun
 1000-1030 5980 SMG 100 kW / 330 deg to WeEu Angelus Sun
 1000-1030 7250 SMG 250 kW / 004 deg to EaEu Angelus Sun
 1000-1030 9645 SMG 250 kW / 326 deg to WeEu Angelus Sun
 1000-1030 11740 SMG 100 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Angelus Sun
 1000-1030 11740 SMG 250 kW / 058 deg to EaEu Angelus Sun
 1000-1030 15595 SMG 250 kW / 107 deg to N/ME Angelus Sun
 1000-1030 17590 SMG 250 kW / 224 deg to WeAf Angelus Sun
 1000-1030 21560 SMG 250 kW / 185 deg to CeAf Angelus Sun
 1130-1200 7305 GB 250 kW / 184 deg to CeAm Spanish
 1130-1200 17590 SMG 100 kW / 112 deg to N/ME English Fri
 1130-1200 21560 SMG 100 kW / 113 deg to N/ME English Fri

1200-1220 17590 SMG 100 kW / 112 deg to N/ME Italian
 1200-1220 21560 SMG 250 kW / 185 deg to CeAf Italian

 1230-1300 9900 IRK 100 kW / 262 deg to FERu Russian
 1230-1300 11850 TAC 100 kW / 056 deg to FERu Russian

 1230-1300 6020 IRK 100 kW / 125 deg to EaAs Chinese Sun-Fri
 1230-1300 11890 PHT 250 kW / 313 det to EaAs Chinese Sun-Fri
 1230-1300 15470 PUG 250 kW / 358 det to EaAs Chinese Sun-Fri

 1300-1315 6020 IRK 100 kW / 125 deg to EaAs Chinese Mass Sat
 1300-1315 11890 PHT 250 kW / 313 det to EaAs Chinese Mass Sat
 1300-1315 15470 PUG 250 kW / 358 det to EaAs Chinese Mass Sat

 1315-1400 11890 PHT 250 kW / 270 deg to SEAs Vietnamese
 1315-1400 15470 TIN 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Vietnamese

 1415-1430 11850 TAC 100 kW / 177 deg to SoAs Urdu Wed/Sun
 1415-1430 15110 PHT 250 kW / 295 deg to SoAs Urdu Wed/Sun

 1430-1450 11850 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg to SoAs Hindi
 1430-1450 15110 PHT 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Hindi

 1450-1510 11850 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg to SoAs Tamil
 1450-1510 15110 PHT 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Tamil

 1510-1530 11850 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg to SoAs Malayalam
 1510-1530 15110 PHT 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs Malayalam

 1530-1550 11850 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg to SoAs English Sun-Fri
 1530-1550 15110 PHT 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs English Sun-Fri
 1530-1550 17550 SMG 125 kW / 090 deg to SoAs English Sun-Fri DRM

 1530-1600 11850 TAC 100 kW / 131 deg to SoAs English Sat
 1530-1600 11935 SMG 100 kW / 115 deg to N/ME Arabic
 1530-1600 15110 PHT 250 kW / 280 deg to SoAs English Sat
 1530-1600 15595 SMG 100 kW / 107 deg to N/ME Arabic
 1530-1600 17550 SMG 125 kW / 090 deg to SoAs English Sat DRM

 1550-1610 11715 SMG 100 kW / 073 deg to CeAs Armenian
 1550-1610 15370 SMG 100 kW / 089 deg to CeAs Armenian

 1600-1615 13765 MDC 250 kW / 300 deg to CeAf Swahili Sat
 1600-1615 15570 SMG 250 kW / 139 deg to EaAf Swahili Sat

 1600-1615 15595 SMG 250 kW / 107 deg to N/ME French

1600-1630 13765 MDC 250 kW / 300 deg to CeAf Swahili Sun-Fri
 1600-1630 15570 SMG 250 kW / 139 deg to EaAf Swahili Sun-Fri

 1610-1640 11715 SMG 100 kW / 055 deg to EaEu Russian
 1610-1640 15370 SMG 100 kW / 049 deg to EaEu Russian

 1615-1630 13765 MDC 250 kW / 350 deg to EaAf Somali Sat
 1615-1630 15570 SMG 250 kW / 139 deg to EaAf Somali Sat
 1615-1630 15595 SMG 250 kW / 112 deg to N/ME English

 1630-1645 13765 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg to EaAf Amharic
 1630-1645 15570 SMG 250 kW / 139 deg to EaAf Amharic

 1640-1700 11715 SMG 100 kW / 058 deg to EaEu Ukrainian
 1640-1700 15370 SMG 100 kW / 049 deg to EaEu Ukrainian

 1645-1700 13765 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg to EaAf Tigrinya
 1645-1700 15570 SMG 250 kW / 139 deg to EaAf Tigrinya

 1700-1720 11715 SMG 100 kW / 043 deg to EaEu Belarussian

 1700-1730 13765 SMG 250 kW / 145 deg to ECAf French
 1700-1730 15570 SMG 250 kW / 168 deg to SoAf French

 1730-1800 11625 SMG 250 kW / 184 deg to NWAf English
 1730-1800 13765 SMG 250 kW / 160 deg to SoAf English
 1730-1800 15570 SMG 250 kW / 139 deg to CEAf English

 1800-1830 11625 SMG 250 kW / 238 deg to NWAf Portuguese
 1800-1830 13765 SMG 250 kW / 169 deg to SoAf Portuguese
 1800-1830 15570 SMG 500 kW / 150 deg to SoAf Portuguese

 1840-1900 5980 SMG 100 kW / 330 deg to WeEu Rosary
 1840-1900 7250 SMG 100 kW / 004 deg to EaEu Rosary
 1840-1900 9645 SMG 100 kW / 326 deg to WeEu Rosary
 1840-1900 11625 SMG 250 kW / 113 deg to N/ME Rosary
 1840-1900 13765 SMG 250 kW / 210 deg to WeAf Rosary
 1840-1900 15570 SMG 100 kW / 175 deg to CeAf Rosary

 1900-1940 13765 SMG 250 kW / 175 deg to CeAf Spanish Sat
 1900-1940 15570 SMG 100 kW / 238 deg to NWAf Spanish Sat

 2000-2030 11625 SMG 250 kW / 210 deg to WEAf English
 2000-2030 13765 SMG 250 kW / 184 deg to WCAf English

 2030-2100 11625 SMG 250 kW / 210 deg to WeAf French
 2030-2100 13765 SMG 250 kW / 184 deg to WCAf French

2140-2200 5980 SMG 100 kW / 336 deg to WeEu Arabic
2140-2200 7250 SMG 100 kW / 234 deg to NoAf Arabic
2140-2200 7250 SMG 100 kW / 146 deg to EaAf Arabic
2140-2200 9645 SMG 250 kW / 114 deg to N/ME Arabic

2200-2230 9600 PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to EaAs Chinese
2200-2230 15470 TIN 250 kW / 325 deg to EaAs Chinese

2315-2400 9600 PHT 250 kW / 270 deg to SEAs Vietnamese
2315-2400 15470 TIN 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Vietnamese
(Ivo Ivanov, DX Re Mix News 798, Sept 11 via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 8294-USB, Ho Chi Minh Radio / Vietnam Coast Radio Station
Sept. 5, *1305-1319* Heard with coastal maritime traffic for Vietnam
and Thailand read by YL. Background music played and at 1308 a brief
segment played. Off with tones and did get catch some English for
notice: traffic in use prior to sign-off. A very nice signal from
this frequency but did not have a chance to check the parallel
frequency of 7906-USB (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Receiver: Drake R8A;
Antenna: BEST heard on 125 foot long wire, pointed due east, with 4:1
Balun Match, with Pi-type Antenna Tuner, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

Is it really traffic, as in messages, or marine weather info? (gh)

** VIETNAM. Some footprints noted in Nara JPN and Brisbane AUS [remote
receivers], at present Sept 9 at 1000 UT:
12019.169 and 9839.856 kHz, Voice of Vietnam
vy73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7435.5, Voice of Vietnam-1, 1240, Sept 11. Playing music; fair-poor;
continues to be off frequency; earlier (1100-1157) heavy QRM from CRI
on 7435.0. VOV-1 // 5975 (fair) // 7210 (fair-poor) // 9635 (fair);
(Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. Sabato 31 agosto 2013,
1525 - 9550.74, V of VIETNAM? Annunci OM+YL. SF/IN
1528 - 9550, CRI Vietnamese (CHINA), tk OM+YL. SF/IN (Luca Botto
Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, 5 Sept,
playdx yg via DXLD) Usual head-to-head collision (gh)

** YEMEN. Daily heard Yemen Radio around 1350 UT till close down at
1502 UT on 6135 kHz, but nothing on likely \\ 9780 or 6005 kHz. 1400
news and political comments in Arabic. Observed 15-24 August. But not
noted at 0600-0800 UT on 6135 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Aug 29,
wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 11 via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. I haven't checked Zambia in the early mornings for some time, but this morning there is no sign of ZNBC1 on 5915. And for the record, ZNBC2 on 6165 is still missing, I am losing hope that it will ever return.

ZNBC1, 5915 Lusaka. Sep 9, 2013 Monday. 0355-0445. Nothing heard, not even a carrier. Jo'burg sunrise 0412.

ZNBC2, 6165 Lusaka. Sep 9, 2013 Monday. 0355-0445. Nothing heard. not even a carrier. Jo'burg sunrise 0412.

Further to my note posted this morning, the evening transmission of ZNBC1 (5915) is also missing. Lusaka. Sep 9, 2013 Monday. 1900-1910. Nothing heard. Jo'burg sunset 1559.

ZNBC1, 5915 Lusaka. Sep 10, 2013 Tuesday. 0415-0425. Morning transmission missing again. Jo'burg sunrise 0411.

ZNBC1 still missing during what is probably close to their evening peak-time (7 pm local), for at least the second night in a row. I won't report again until they return. Hopefully they haven't gone for good, like ZNBC2 apparently has.

ZNBC1, 5915 Lusaka. Sep 10, 2013 Tuesday. 1655-1705. Nothing heard. Jo'burg sunset 1559 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, R. Tanzania Zanzibar, 2045-2100* August 5, Hindu-flavored music at fair level, signal peaking near sign-off, YL with ID and quick announcement before she abruptly pulled the plug at 2100 --- the coffee must have been boiling over! First station heard on my Perseus; much stronger on the Perseus/Wellbrook than on my NRD515 / Sloper (Mike Nikolich, Lake Barrington IL, Sept NASWA Journal via DXLD)

11735, TANZANIA, ZBC, Dole, 1933-2054* September 7, 2013. Swahili female at tune-in, highlife vocals, slow time sounders 2000 with music and patter continuing after. Abruptly off at 2054 mid-song. Okay signal but local noise hampering (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Sony ICF-7600GR; Sangean PR-D5; Aqua Guide 705 RDF Marine Radio; GE Superadio III; JPS NF-60 Notch Filter; JPS ANC-4 Noise Phase; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X room random wire; Terk Advantage non-active portable loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ZBC Zanzibar, 6015 kHz Escuchada en Montevideo, 0358 UT:
<http://youtu.be/uRUjcQnBiEw>
(Rodolfo Tizzi, UT Sept 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Rodolfo, Superb reception. Certainly comparable with recent reception here in Jo'burg although, like Ron in California, I have not been checking on a regular basis of late. Regards (Bill Bingham, ibid.)

Thank you, Bill. This is the first time I can catch ZBC on 6015. 73!
(Rodolfo Tizzi, ibid.)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. QSL: CLANDESTINE, SW Radio Africa, 4880, QSL-letter in 8 days for report with 1 IRC to SW Radio Africa, P. O. Box 243, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 4WA, United Kingdom (Kurt Enders, Bickenbach, Germany, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. MADAGASCAR. Radio Dialogue, 12105. Letter came back from Zimbabwe as undeliverable to the Bulawayo address given in WRTH (Kurt Enders, Bickenbach, Germany, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

I asked R. Dialogue and the address is correct. Maybe Zimbabwe post doesn't want to deliver letters to that address. Try via email:
radio@radiodialogue.co.zw 73, (Mauno Ritola, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 650, Sept 10 at 0550 UT, '24/7 Comedy' network ID, laughter, applause and standup routine. Always something interesting on 650 with WSM nulled; in fact, at the moment it's XETNT that needs nulling, not much from WSM. But no 650 stations listed at:
<http://www.247comedy.com/pages/allstations.html>
which covers only USA, altho we know a few Canadians on other frequencies run this. None such either in last year's NRC AM Log; maybe when I get this year's, it will be revealed. Seems this network is growing gradually, about to appear on CKMX 1060/CFVP 6030 Calgary.

As far as I can tell from own website, CKOM Saskatoon is still news/talk (and I did ID it recently). What about CISL Richmond BC? Its site <http://www.am650radio.com/> still shows ``all time favorites``, but reveals they will be adding sports talk Sept 29, Sundays 9 pm-midnite [Monday 04-07 UT] so that could be confusing as to formats; already runs a number of talk shows, maybe more time than music. But Mondays 7 pm-midnite it's still shown as 'ATF'. Of course, the 24/7 Comedy network isn't necessarily carried 24/7 by all affiliates, e.g. CFRB/CFRX overnite only, except one nite a week.

I may as well Google the other few likely US 650 stations: WNMT in MN shows something else now; KIKK Houston can't find a schedule but it's sports; KMTI UT skeds something else; KGAB WY with C2CAM; not unlikely KSTE CA either, but they do have Hottie Galleries of 100's of Babes, tastefully updated daily. As a last resort. I check WSM itself: 'The WSM All-Nighter with Marcia Campbell' which is rather vague but surely basically country music. The comedy station and XETNT are making a

fast SAH, like XETNT does with WSM, surely because XETNT is the one off-frequency. So as for who's doing 24/7 Comedy now on 650, am still at a loss (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Later IDed after closing date for this issue as CKOM; see next DXLD

UNIDENTIFIED. 700, Sept 10 at 1141 UT, just a hummy carrier, and still so at 1210; loops SW/NE. Suspect an XE; Chihuahua's XEGD would fit for that. Previously logged XEETCH further NW in Sonora with real modulation.

700, Sept 11 before 1200 UT I am again hearing that open carrier with a hum, while several NW Mexicans are still propagating in the 600s and 700s (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 880, Sept 5 at 1216 UT, in E-W null of N/S KRVN NE, mentions WJJR 98.9? then Stevie Wonder. WTFDA FM database shows WJJR as an AC station in Rutland VT on 98.1 and I certainly was not sure of the numbers or letters. Would expect this to be KLRG in Arkansas, but unclear why they would mention that station with no direct connexion. Perhaps a syndicated program also on it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. EMISORA NO IDENTIFICADA: 4815 kHz 06-09-2013 0840 UT, SINPO 35333 (9 a 15 decibelios). M'sica folclórica andina + hora "Cuatro de la mañana con 40 minutos" + m'sica andina + programa en dialecto indígena Quéchua. Ser. Radio El Buen Paston de Saraguro, Ecuador...? Lamentablemente a las 0845 se escuchó un tono y seguidamente un ruido estruendoso (al parecer una estación utilitaria tipo radiogramas). A las 0907 UT cesó la interferencia y se escuchó un programa evangélico en español + la hora "Cinco de la mañana 10 minutos". A las 0915 comenzó de nuevo la interferencia también no identificada donde un "ruido" superior a los 20 decibelios borra del dial a la estación andina no identificada. Cesó el "ruido" y se escuchó un programa en Quéchua + hora + m'sica cristiana y de nuevo se encendió de nuevo la metralleta.

Hoy domingo monitoreé de nuevo pero en ésta oportunidad no cesó para nada el "ruido" que habitualmente hay en los 4815 kHz y sus alrededores. Alguien más pudo escuchar, lo que al parecer tentativamente es Radio El Buen Pastor? Y la otra pregunta, qué tipo de estación utilitaria pudiera estar generando toda esa descarga de "ruidos"...? (Santiago San Gil, Venezuela, Facebook 9 Sept via SSG, DXLD)

No habrá sido Radio Logos de Chazuta, Perú en los 4810? porque, están relativamente cerca, porque sí transmitía m'sica cristiana y en quechua. Quizás fue esa emisora, porque El Buen Pastor está inactiva hace tiempo ya (Marcos Cox, Chile, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 2332 Sept 8: Empty carrier with strong buzz on 5000 kHz. I suspected it to be IBF Torino, but there wasn't any CW ID on the top of the minute, nor any announcements. This one needs further checks. (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Georgi, it would help a lot if you would always put frequencies first; less likely to omit them (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5470-USB, Sept 6 at 0122-0128+, strange 2-way in Spanish. Without BFO it sounds like SSB, but tuned in USB, whenever the main station is talking there is continuous heavy RTTY-sound along with him even when he pauses. There is a beep whenever he cuts on. Maybe a mixing product or repeater would behave this way? Is conveying traffic slowly at dictation speed, sometimes with punxuation and fonetix. Made out a few words and phrases more than once concerning ``gasolina``, ``agua purificada``, and once, ``poner la protecci n de marinas``. Some long pauses between transmissions with no RTTY (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5690+, Sept 6 at 0120, JBA carrier detectable with BFO, around where the Uruguay pirate Radio Chan  has been residing, varying 5688 up to 5692.5 as last measured by Ernesto Paulero, Argentina on Sept 3-4. No carriers from the OOB South Americans on 5580, 5460 if they are still on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non?]. 6950-AM, Sept 10 at 0101 pirate with soft rock music, poor in noise, fades in and out; no announcement until 0120 but brief and unreadable. {at least the local ESPN harmonic, 5 x 1390 KCRC is absent now.} Many others were monitoring this:
<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,12543.0.html>
But as of 0130 no one else had IDed it either. Later appeared to have been relay of a real station; Dim Bulb reported:

``0218z Some kinda commercial station chatter and ID? (93.7, From Davenport to International Falls, Minnesota's 100,000 watt new rock alternative - The Edge). Some googling says this is KXXR Minneapolis
0219z "I can't do any more damage around this popsicle stand" Google tells me this is a quote from "Aladdin"
0220z Off`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7110.0, heard through strong OTH radar on Sept 6 from 1418 to 1459; some type of indigenous singing; could not make out any announcements; very difficult to be sure what this is due to extreme OTHR. Of course is the former frequency of Thazin Radio (Myanmar); checked 6165 kHz. (ex-7110) at 1434 and did find Thazin Radio with news in English underneath a strong CNR6; UNID also not // 5985.8. So is it Myanmar with a different transmitter? Needs more monitoring on a

day without the OTHR. Audio at
<https://app.box.com/s/x9ug202jnc3b4v3gbjd1>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 2352 Sept 8: Occasional over-the-horizont radar pulses occupying the 9.9-10 MHz. Are these allowed to transmit here? (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-7600D portable with 20 meters wire antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11900+USB, Sept 6 at 0059, Spanish 2-way intruder, so obvious amid the 25m broadcast band. Slightly on hi side but not as far up as 11900.5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) next same?

UNIDENTIFIED. 11907.5-LSB, Sept 7 at 0053, 2-way intruders in colloquial Spanish, laughing QSO. Quite good really sore-thumb signals inside this broadcast band. I can't help but notice that no one else *ever* reports these, possibly because they cannot be identified, or no one else cares about intruders? It's even more frustrating that no Latin American native-speakers ever report them either, as they might be able to glean something identifiabile (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11985, Sept 10 at 0054, 1-kHz tone on poor signal with flutter; 0107 recheck now talk by YL in unknown language. Only thing scheduled here is AIR Delhi/Khampur, but supposed to go right from Tamil to Sinhala at 0045. On 11980, however, CRI starts Amoy at 0100 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13364-AM, Sept 6 at 0053 I find a JBA carrier here as I am making a periodic check for AFN Guam 13362-USB and/or LTA Argentina, 13363.5-LSB without any luck on either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [and non]. 13845, Sept 8 at 1235, surprised to hear something in Vietnamese atop DGS on weak WWCR. HFCC, Aoki and EiBi all show nothing but WWCR at any time on 13845. Or was it Cambodian?

13845, Sept 10 at 1227, I am monitoring for a reshow of the Cambodian I was hearing two days ago atop WWCR, but none of it today by 1235, just paranoid Joyce Riley on fair unsolid signal, 1230 GCN radio network ID. Maybe it's a Sunday-only clandestine? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No, RFA SRI LANKA, new daily frequency

UNIDENTIFIED. 15476.0. Sept 7. For some time how I have almost daily been monitoring this frequency, in the hope that Antarctica LRA 36 would return to their former schedule of broadcasting till about 1500*. Until today I heard nothing at all. Tuned in at 1332 to find a

definite open carrier with no audio (below threshold level); checked at 1341 to find carrier was gone; subsequent random checking from 1405 to tune out at 1511, had a definite open carrier with no audio detected; assume just too weak for any audio to be heard. Would like to think this was Antarctica, but with no audio will call it UNID. Had the strongest reception about 1405. Both 15470 and 15480 had decent reception, but the open carrier was not related to their receptions. Needs much more monitoring! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15643-USB, approx., Sept 6 at 1428-1432, 2-way in colloquial Spanish, apparently fishing poachers, since talking about pescaditos and agua potable. One has a noisy mike switch, and the other has lite 'engine noise' in the background (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 17530+, Sept 9 at 1336, VOA Somali via VATICAN has QRM! Low audible heterodyne (LAH) I think on the hi side, but difficult to tell which; also with some modulation I can't make out. Het goes off at 1339.7*, *back on shortly; 1341.7* off again and still off at 1353 check.

Doubt anything in Somalia is sophisticated enough to jam outside broadcasters; at least I don't recall any such previously. Nothing else listed anywhere on 17530 at this time. Here's a suspect:

Either a spur or total off-frequency jump from R. Pakistan, nominal 17520 from 1330 in Urdu, API-5 unit from Islamabad, 250 kW, 282 degrees per Aoki (which I did not notice on 17520 at all). Of the East Turkistanis, 17560 was in a lot better than 17630 or 17650, so there was propagation from that area (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS See also SWEDEN [non]

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Glen[n]. Thanks for all the great reports you post. I keep a running list of them then go try to hear them. Thanks (Ernie Rice, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Your contributions always welcome by check or MO to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702; or not necessarily in US funds via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com (gh)

PUBLICATIONS

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## ELDER WRTHs WANTED

Having recently taken delivery of a 1971 edition of the World Radio TV Handbook I now have a complete collection of WRTHs from their inception in 1947. However, several of the pre-1970 editions I have only in electronic form and would like to acquire "hard copy" versions for the following years: 1947, 1948, 1950 to 1957, 1961 to 1963, 1967 to 1969. If anyone can offer for sale any of these editions in reasonable condition please get in touch with me via the contact email address linked on the Interval Signals Online website ([intervalsignals.net](http://intervalsignals.net)). (David Kernick, UK, Sept 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## "I TAKE PICTURES OF TRANSMITTER SITES"

Full of superb photos and currently 2,036 members!!  
A wonderful site on Facebook about transmitter sites:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/transmittersites>  
(Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) Whose? If inclined to buy into FB (gh)

## CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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REMINDER: DX get-together in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois next Saturday, Sept. 14th

The 5th DX mid-AMerica Get-Together (and first in almost 15 years) will be held on Saturday Sept. 14th at the Ramada Inn located at 902 West Killarney Street in Urbana, Illinois. The GTG will begin at 1 p.m. Central Time, and refreshments will be provided. To get there, simply take Interstate 74 from the east or west, turn south at Exit #183 onto Lincoln Avenue, go about 1 block, and the Ramada Inn will be on the northwest corner of the intersection of Killarney Street and Lincoln Avenue (there is a Circle K convenience store on the southwest corner of that intersection).

As has been the case with past DXMA get-togethers, this will be just a 1-day event and will last into the evening as long as folks stick around. This is an all-band event, and those who want to bring radios, QSLs, logbooks, bumper stickers to trade, etc., are welcome to do so. Please feel free to visit the DX mid-AMerica website (expertly maintained by DXMA's founder, John Rieger) at <http://www.angelfire.com/wi/dxmidamerica>

Your hosts for this event are Rick Dau and Earl Higgins. If you have any further questions about the GTG, please feel free to e-mail Rick at [drummer1965usa@yahoo.com](mailto:drummer1965usa@yahoo.com) or call 402-415-4743. See you on the 14th!

UPDATE: I had stated in my last invite to everyone that Earl and I would be getting into Champaign on Friday evening the 13th. There has been a change in plans, and we won't be arriving now until about noon on Saturday. I have spoken with the Ramada, and they have told me that there should be no problem at all with us getting the room before the standard 3 p.m. check-in time, so the GTG's start time of 1 p.m. still stands. For any of you who plan on getting there Friday night, my apologies for the inconvenience. And in lieu of heading out to eat somewhere late Saturday afternoon, we will probably be getting pizza delivered to us at the GTG. See you at 1:00 Saturday afternoon! 73 de RWD (Rick Dau, NE, Sept 7, IRCA, via dxldyg in advance, DXLD)

#### REPORT EDXC 2013

Hello, tudo bon e tudo ben! This year EDXC meeting is in Portugal at Figueira da Foz, a turistic village on the Atlantic Ocean coast, 35 km far from Coimbra. I arrived here the past Wednesday afternonn by Expressos Bus from Lisbon, a very good service 3 hours the cost is 15 euros. The hotel Sweet Gardens Sotomayor is a very large place with a big swimming pool and an open restaurant in front of the pool. At my arrival, I get soon the room 304, a very good room with balcony looking North-West.

By Internet, I discovered an Italian restaurant "Al dente", so I taste it, I get Spaghetti alla Carbonara, very well cooked. The restaurant is at the end of the large beach of the city, and looking at the Atlantic Ocean with a very nice veranda, and I get time to do an FM band Scan with signals coming from Lisbon area, 100 km south and from Porto 115 km to North. So I guess it's a very nice place to try Super Tropo conditions to Madeira and Canary islands, but not in September because the season for FM DX is already ended.

On Thursday, I have free time to do an FM Band Scan from the swimming pool, Grill Restaurant. and I get less stations, around 120 stations. As a reference I utilise the FM list.org from Germany, which is the best source for FM information worldwide. And later, I will publish the Band Scan on PlayDx group. The listening from the room balcony at the third floor, is a problem on MW, because electric noises coming from blue lights situated upper the last floor. And I didn't get MW Band scan from my room.

On Thursday, I met Alexander from St Petersburg DX Club, so I went again to the Italian restaurant "Al dente". After the good dinner, we tested outdoor the restaurant, and with My receiver Degen 1103 and Grundig 300 and we get MW signals around 2100 UTC, we get 1550 Radio Nacional Saharaoui in Arabic, and many signals from Spain, and not so many from Portugal! 603, 666, 720, 981!

After we went back to the hotel by Taxi, and we try again from the last corner of the outdoor garden near the swimming pool. Around 2130 UT, we get 927 Radio Algiers International in English from Algeria with 5 kW TX: Tindouf which is quite surprising because the distances. Another interesting logging has been 828 Hit FM Terrassa, in Catalunya, 5 kW only, with good identification jingle, so this was explaining DX is possible outside the hotel, cause on Wednesday night it's arrive a very big storm and with lot of rain and lightening.

On Friday morning, I tested again the FM Band and get some more 115 stations, cause the fog in the area till midday. In the afternoon start to arrive the participants so I meet my good friend Christian Ghibaudo, with whom I share the room, and the mini PC, very important details, cause in the hotel where is only WIFI, and not computer office for the guests.

Same day later arrived the bus from airport with many more participants from Finland, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Japan. Around 2100 hours, we get the Opening Cocktail, with for me 20 glasses of White Porto Wine, very good taste! So thanks to this input around 2130 UT, I had another MW DX in the gardens, together Christian, and Dave, and Alan from British DX Club, so we get more stations, for example, 612 Morocco in Arabic, 702 another Morocco El Ayoun, 756 low power from Portugal, 819 Egypt, 891 Tunisia and Portugal mixed, 918 Radio Inter in Madrid which is still active, 963 Tunisia, 981 Radio Sim Portugal and we remarked, 1035 Star FM Lisbon is inactive, 1251 weak signals from Portugal, 1296 Radio Sudan in Arabic, 1350 Radio Orient Nice France in Arabic, 1458 only offered SunRise London, not chance to get Gibraltar, 1512 Saudi Arabia only Coran Channe, 1521 Saudi Arabia, Duba in Arabic mixed with Spanish SER station from Castellon and many more Spanish stations, so this is the first part of the report. More will come in the next message. Greetings from (Dario & Christian, Sept 7, playdx yg via DXLD)

Hallo Tudo ben tudo bom, Saturday morning the EDXC meeting started with Secretary Kari Kivekas at 1000 hours. He give us informations about EDXC activities and future EDXC meetings, we got two proposals to do it in France (Nice) or in Russia (St Petersburg). But that will be decided by future votations of EDXC members clubs. After Risto V%h%kainu presented a research about the future of our hobby according the problems with less stations activities and more electronic possibilities to get informations from the Web.

We have a lot of suggestions to utilize the UNESCO's World Radio day, next year, to do a cooperation and produce a programme giving informations about our hobby to the world. After lunch time, in the Sweet Restaurant outdoor with grilled food, but me & Christian, we prefer a good plate of Spaghetti alla Carbonara in the same place of

course.

At 14 o'clock a bus started to drive us to the Salt Museum of Figueira d Foz. But Dario preferred to stay in the bus to do an FM band scan, giving more than 160 FM transmitters, from Lisbon till Porto. More signals coming from central parts of Portugal.

After with the same bus we came back to the city to visit a local station, FM 99.1 MHz, called a Foz de Mondego (Mondego is the city river). So we meet the manager of the station, the visit was quite short because the station is very little, but quite well equipped, and the station is automatic working machine on Saturdays.

Around 05 hours, we came back to the hotel, and at 10 hours was a long presentation with slides by Mika Palo talking about radio brodcastings in all views, from national radio, networks and local stations. the work was prepared by Portuguese DXer Lusi Carvalho, not able to participate the meeting.

After, Dario presented with slides photos his visit to Peru in 2011. At 2030 hours we had another cocktail before EDXC official banquet, very well organised. With big plate of Baccalau Fish and after a Dancers Folk group make all the participants happy, but Dario was also happy to drink one liter bottle of White Porto Wine. More news will follows, Greetings from (Dario & Christian, playdx yg Sept 8 via DXLD)

#### LANGUAGE LESSONS

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ARE YOU LEARNING ENGLISH FROM BBC LEARNING ENGLISH OR FROM VOA LEARNING ENGLISH? Posted: 10 Sep 2013 [see for grafix, linx:]  
<http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=14218>

@PeterHorrocks1, 10 Sept 2013: "See how Learning English transforms lives. Celebrating 70 years of Learning English from the BBC."

YouTube, 9 Sept 2013, bbclearningenglish: "The BBC has been teaching English for 70 years. In this video, learners from around the world talk about their shared journey." See also "70 years of BBC Learning English."

BBC Russian, 9 Sept 2013, Catherine Chapman: "I begin to wonder, as a modern-day writer of ELT materials here at BBC Learning English: which elements of the early 'English by Radio' programmes are still found in today's output - and why?" (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

VOA's Special English has changed its name to VOA Learning English. So now we have two major international broadcasting organizations with a

product called "Learning English." See BBC Learning English and VOA Learning English <http://learningenglish.voanews.com/>  
(Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.*)

#### DX-PEDITIONS

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#### AUGUST 16-19 CAPE PERPETUA (OR) DXPEDITION REPORT

Hello All, For those interested, a full 10-page report describing the recent 4-day "Cliffhanger DXpedition" to Oregon's Cape Perpetua has been uploaded to  
[http://www.mediafire.com/view/fvgo959himc41bs/August\\_2013\\_Cape\\_Perpetua.doc](http://www.mediafire.com/view/fvgo959himc41bs/August_2013_Cape_Perpetua.doc)

Describing the thrill of DXing at a Highway 101 turnoff on the side of Oregon's highest ocean side cliff, the report details the challenges and rewards of the 4-day trip, including the experience of being directly in the headlights of huge 18-wheelers making their turn on the Pacific Coast Highway. The rewards greatly outweighed the challenges, though, as the greatly enhanced cliff-side transoceanic propagation permitted reception of various obscure South Pacific DX stations, as well as wild mixes of New Zealand, Australian and Japanese stations on certain frequencies. Included in the report are 50 MP3 links for transoceanic DX receptions made at the awesome site (32 South Pacific and 18 Asian), photos and descriptions of the modified PL-380 Ultralight radio and 12" FSL antenna used for the DXpedition, and a comparison of the ocean cliff propagation provided by this Cape Perpetua turnoff site and that of the "Rockwork 4" site (south of Cannon Beach, OR).

For any DXers on the west coast who are feeling a little bored in their hobby, I would strongly recommend giving "Cliffhanger DXing" a try -- a single session will provide an immediate, permanent cure for any such boredom! 73 and Good DX, (Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA), Sept 7, NRC-AM via DXLD)

#### DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See CUBA

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM BRAZIL; COSTA RICA; GERMANY; NIGERIA;  
+++++ RUSSIA; SPAIN; VATICAN

#### RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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JOFFE V. GOOGLE - IS WI-FI RADIO? NO, AND NEITHER IS TV

Yesterday's Court of Appeals opinion in Joffe v. Google consists



entirely of legal contortions over the definition of radio communication. I wonder what the fallout from this opinion will be in years to come.

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2013/09/10/technology/google-streetview-appeal-opinion.html>

(Benn Kobb, Sept 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### DECLINING INTEREST IN SHORTWAVE

This analysis from Google Trends shows a considerable decline in interest (measured by volume of enquiries) in Shortwave over the years

<http://www.google.com/trends/explore#q=shortwave&cmpt=q>

(radiolistener, whoever that be, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

#### A \$40 SOFTWARE-DEFINED RADIO

Part 1:

<http://spectrum.ieee.org/geek-life/hands-on/a-40-softwaredefined-radio>

Part 2:

<http://spectrum.ieee.org/geek-life/hands-on/softwaredefined-radio-part-ii>

(Dennis Gibson, Sent from my iPad, Sept 4, ABDX via DXLD)

Surprised that no one else commented on this. This is the first time I have heard of these radios, and I am intrigued. I wonder what kind of performance these SDRs with an upconverter have on MW. Of course my location here stinks for DX, but the price sure seems right for something just to play around with. Has anyone here tried one of these radios for MW? (Brian Leyton, Valley Village, CA, Sept 7, *ibid.*)

#### GRUNDIG G8 TRAVEL PORTABLE, WITH DSP, ON SALE AT RADIO SHACK

Gary Vance reports that The Grundig G8 Travel Portable was on sale at the Rat Shack. He reports "So -- When I can't sleep, I do a bit of DXing with my new toy. ... The radio has some strange quirks, but it has some virtues that far outweigh the odd behavior.

The G8 uses Digital Signal Processing "DSP" in its circuitry. This is the "Best Darn Portable FM DX Radio" I've ever owned; also it's the Best Small Radio I've ever owned. I have a Super Radio & a Sony ICF-2010, they're good but the G8 outshines them both on FM. I'm having a lot of fun with this radio. Only paid \$40.00 (MARE Tipsheet Sept 6 via DXLD)

I don't see anything about DSP in the description:

``Tune in and hear more with the G8 Traveler II radio from Grundig. It features digital tuning with a digital LCD frequency readout, an Auto Tuning Storage (ATS) function and more. Plus, it also features a sleep

timer and alarm clock function to make sure you don't sleep in on the go.

- Features FM/AM/ML/SW/LW bands

- Has an Auto Tuning Storage (ATS) function [what does that mean??]

- Includes digital tuning with a digital frequency readout

- Local timer setting and world timer setting

- Features a sleep timer, alarm clock and snooze function

- Headphone jack gives you the option of listening in privacy

- Key lock function``

But one of the reviewers says it has DSP. Also drawbacks like no SSB; high noise floor; but will tune FM down to 64 MHz:

<http://www.radioshack.com/product/index.jsp?productId=3767071#tabsetBasic>  
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### ELECRAFT KX3 SUPERB SHORTWAVE RECEIVER (and transceiver)

<http://swling.com/blog/2013/07/a-review-of-the-elecrafft-kx3-a-world-class-transceiver-superb-shortwave-receiver/>  
(Thomas Witherspoon, via Sept CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

#### SANGEAN PR-D15 REVIEW

I've had my Sangean PR-D15 for a few days now and have had a chance to play with it a bit by day and by night. It claims to have DSP and it does seem to act like it uses DSP for the IF stages as IF filtering seems quite steep sloped, allowing decent audio and good selectivity. I would venture a guess at IF bandwidth something between 6 KHz and 8 Khz, with slopes similar to a mechanical filter or a crystal filter or a very good ceramic filter. This translates into audio response of between 3,000 to 4,000 Hz. Not HiFi, of course, but enough for easily understood audio. . .

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ABDX/message/62244>  
(Phil Rafuse, PEI, VY2PR, Sept 11, ABDX via DXLD)

#### SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND SEEKS EQUIPMENT TO ``ACQUIRE`` ALL AM & FM STATIONS

Attached is the actual text of the advertisement in which the military seeks a

"radio broadcast system capable of searching for and acquiring every AM and FM radio station in a specific area and then broadcasting a message(s) in the target area on all acquired AM and FM radio station frequencies "

This has been the source of considerable amusement to a variety of folks who have seen it (Ben Dawson, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Sources Sought to provide a radio broadcast system capable of searching for and acquiring every AM and FM radio station in a specific area, and then broadcasting a message(s) in the target area on all

#### Opportunity History

Original Synopsis

Aug 19, 2013

2:12 pm

Solicitation Number:

MISO-MBD

Notice Type:

Sources Sought

Synopsis:

Added: Aug 19, 2013 2:12 pm

Military Information Support Operations (MISO) Broadcast Enhancements-(MBE)

Solicitation Number: MISO Broadcast Enhancements-(MBE)

Agency: Other Defense Agencies

Office: U.S. Special Operations Command

Location: Headquarters Procurement Division

#### Synopsis:

The Headquarters, United States Special Operations Command (HQ USSOCOM) is seeking sources to provide a radio broadcast system capable of searching for and acquiring every AM and FM radio station in a specific area and then broadcasting a message(s) in the target area on all acquired AM and FM radio station frequencies. USSOCOM is contemplating a Foreign Comparative Test (FCT) of a light-weight, multi-frequency, simultaneous over-broadcast system. Prior to initiating the FCT, USSOCOM wishes to identify all firms (both foreign and domestic) which could provide a non-developmental light-weight, multi-frequency, simultaneous over-broadcast system that has demonstrated a Technology Readiness Level of 8 or higher.

This announcement is for information and planning purposes only. It does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) and is not to be construed as a commitment by the U.S. Government. No contract award will be made as a result of this sources sought synopsis.

If USSOCOM decides to conduct procurement as a result of your submissions, a separate pre-award synopsis of that procurement will be posted to FEDBIZOPPS. Interested companies are requested to submit a summary outline not to exceed 5 pages of the performance specifications of their proposed secure communications system

(however, data sheets for existing products are not included in the page count). References to vendor Web pages will not be accepted. The Government will not entertain any questions at this time. Please note that we cannot return your submissions to you.

Responses shall provide the name, telephone number, fax number, street address and e-mail address for their points of contact. Submit responses via e-mail to [diane.davis@socom.mil](mailto:diane.davis@socom.mil)

This request for Sources Sought is for planning purposes only and shall not be considered an invitation for bid, request for quotation, request for proposal, or obligation on the part of the Government to acquire any products or material.

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(via Ben Dawson, DXLD)

## CRITICAL HOURS, TO THE F C C

Glenn, There are actually two different types of "critical hours" restrictions. One of them is the requirement of 47CFR73.187. This applies to operations by US stations on frequencies on which the US has a class A station. It requires certain radiation limitations toward the 100 uV/m groundwave contour of the class A station as calculated from Figures 9, 10, and 11 of 47CFR73.190. Those radiation restrictions apply during the 2 hours after local sunrise and the 2 hours before local sunset at the "secondary" station's location.

The other type is the requirement of Article VIII of the U.S./Canada bilateral agreement of 1984 regarding MF broadcasting. It restricts radiation by "secondary" station in the other country to radiation limitations calculated toward the 100 uV/m groundwave contour of the class A station (or the border where the contour would extend beyond it) by Figure 8 of Appendix 8 to Annex 2 of the agreement, a totally different graphical method. It applies from sunrise at the secondary station to 1.5 hours after sunrise at the geographic midpoint between the two transmitter sites, and from 1.5 hours before sunset at that point to sunset at the secondary station location. And it applies ONLY to those class A stations that were "Class I-A" under the NARBA Agreement. Specifically, CBK, CBF, CBL, CJBC, CBW, CBR, and CBJ in Canada and the obvious ones in US. This restriction sometimes shows up with the designation "CR" (Canadian Restricted) rather than "CH" in the Commission's data.

This is the only consideration of daytime skywave that I am aware of that has ever been considered by the national regulators, despite the fact that it is an observable effect in a variety of situations. I am aware of at least 1 Canadian class A station that was a I-B under NARBA and therefore not covered by this provision which receives significant skywave interference during daytime hours from a US station. And we have measured mid-day skywave under a variety of situations numerous times. The ITU Recommendations discuss it as well (Ben Dawson, Hatfield-Dawson Consulting Engineers, WA, Sept 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## THE QUEST TO SAVE AM RADIO

Glenn: Your readers may find this of interest:

<http://www.thetakeaway.org/2013/sep/10/quest-save-am-radio/>

Regards, (Dan Srebnick, Sept 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

probably inspired by the following:

Glenn, NY Times piece on a member of the FCC with some interest in

preserving AM radio. Link is

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/09/us/a-quest-to-save-am-radio-before-its-lost-in-the-static.html?ref=global-home&r=0>

(via Chuck Albertson, Gerald T Pollard, DXLD)

A QUEST TO SAVE AM BEFORE IT'S LOST IN THE STATIC

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/09/us/a-quest-to-save-am-radio-before-its-lost-in-the-static.html>

(via David Cole, OK, DXLD)

This directly affects MW DXers but, I'm sure, those listening on HF.  
73s (Bernhard Jatzeck VA6BMJ @ D033FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) also via

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/09/us/a-quest-to-save-am-radio-before-its-lost-in-the-static.html?pagewanted=print>

(via Mike Cooper, DXLD) Viz., same as:

WASHINGTON ó IS ANYONE OUT THERE STILL LISTENING?

Christopher Gregory/The New York Times

Ajit Pai, the Republican on the F.C.C., called AM radio the audible  
core of our national culture.í

Read All Comments (229) <sup>a</sup>

The digital age is killing AM radio, an American institution that brought the nation fireside chats, Casey Kasem's Top 40 and scratchy broadcasts of the World Series. Long surpassed by FM and more recently cast aside by satellite radio and Pandora, AM is now under siege from a new threat: rising interference from smartphones and consumer electronics that reduce many AM stations to little more than static. Its audience has sunk to historical lows.

But at least one man in Washington is tuning in.

Ajit Pai, the lone Republican on the Federal Communications Commission, is on a personal if quixotic quest to save AM. After a little more than a year in the job, he is urging the F.C.C. to undertake an overhaul of AM radio, which he calls the audible core of our national culture.í He sees AM ó largely the realm of local news, sports, conservative talk and religious broadcasters ó as vital in emergencies and in rural areas.

íAM radio is localism, it is community,í Mr. Pai, 40, said in an interview.

AM's longer wavelength means it can be heard at far greater distances and so in crises, he said, íAM radio is always going to be there.í As

an example, he cited Fort Yukon, Alaska, where the AM station KZPA broadcasts inquiries about missing hunters and transmits flood alerts during the annual spring ice breakup.

When the power goes out, when you can't get a good cell signal, when the Internet goes down, people turn to battery-powered AM radios to get the information they need," Mr. Pai said.

He admits to feelings of nostalgia. As the son of Indian immigrants growing up in small-town Parsons, Kan., he listened to his high school basketball team win a 1987 championship, he said. "I sat in my bedroom with my radio tuned into KLKC 1540," he recalled. On boyhood family road trips across the wide Kansas plains, he said, AM radio was a constant companion.

But that was then. In 1978, when Mr. Pai was 5, half of all radio listening was on the AM dial. By 2011 AM listenership had fallen to 15 percent, or an average of 3.1 million people, according to a survey by Veronis Suhler Stevenson, a private investment firm. While the number of FM listeners has declined, too, they still averaged 18 million in 2011. (The figures are averages based on measuring listeners every 15 minutes.)

Although five of the top 10 radio stations in the country, as measured by advertising dollars, are AM — among them WCBS in New York and KFI in Los Angeles — the wealth drops rapidly after that. In 1970 AM accounted for 63 percent of broadcast radio stations, but now it accounts for 21 percent, or 4,900 outlets, according to Arbitron. FM accounts for 44 percent, or 10,200 stations. About 35 percent of stations stream content online.

With the audience goes the advertising revenues," said Milford Smith, vice president for radio engineering at Greater Media, which owns 21 stations, three of them AM. "That makes for a double whammy."

Nearly all English-language AM stations have given up playing music, and even a third of the 30 Major League Baseball teams now broadcast on FM. AM, however, remains the realm of conservative talk radio, including roughly 80 percent of the 600 radio stations that carry Rush Limbaugh. Talk radio has helped keep AM alive.

If it had to rely on music," said Michael Harrison, editor and publisher of Talkers magazine, "AM radio would be dead."

But why try to salvage AM? Critics say its decline is simply natural selection at work, and many now support converting the frequency for use by other wireless technologies. A big sign of AM's weakness is that one hope for many of its stations may be channeling their

broadcasts onto FM.

Not so fast, said Mr. Pai, who has been pushing the F.C.C.'s interim chairwoman, Mignon Clyburn, to put the revitalization of AM high on the agency's agenda.

"I'm obviously bullish on next-generation technology," Mr. Pai said. "But I certainly think there continues to be a place for broadcasting and for AM radio."

Mr. Pai said he was not promoting AM to advance conservative talk radio, but part of his prescription treads a traditional Republican path. He wants to eliminate outdated regulations, for example, like one that requires AM stations to prove that any new equipment decreases interference with other stations, a requirement that is expensive, cumbersome and difficult to meet.

Mr. Pai also wants to examine a relatively new technology known as HD Radio, which has allowed some stations to transmit a digital signal along with their usual analog wave, damping static. (HD Radio is a brand name; it does not stand for high definition, as in HDTV.) But some critics still fault the F.C.C. for allowing too many broadcasters to crowd into a relatively narrow AM band of airwaves.

In the longer term, Mr. Pai said, the F.C.C. could mandate that all AM stations convert to digital transmission to reduce interference. Such a conversion, however, would cost consumers, who would have to replace the hundreds of millions of AM radios that do not capture digital transmissions.

Finally, Mr. Pai wants the F.C.C. to consider what are called FM translators, which send duplicate AM broadcasts over FM airwaves and help to reduce interference. In 2009, the F.C.C. granted permission to AM stations to use such translators.

"Our business has improved rather dramatically" since the conversion to dual bands, said Bud Walters, owner of Cromwell Group, which operates 23 stations in four states, six of them on the AM band and five of which share translators.

The F.C.C. has said it is behind Mr. Pai, although it is a long way from committing to the overhaul he envisions. In August the commission approved a measure requiring the builders of any new radio tower to compensate an AM station if the tower interferes with the station's broadcast.

Some station owners want more. David Honig, the president of the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, said that the F.C.C.



had before it 37 proposals that would expand opportunities for minority ownership but do not require giving minority-owned radio groups special rights. Two-thirds of minority-owned radio stations broadcast on AM.

The reality, however, is that even if the F.C.C. reduces regulation and provides compensation for AM stations, it cannot repeal the laws of physics.

Nearly every recently manufactured electronic consumer product ó not just proliferating smartphones but televisions, home air-conditioning systems, refrigerators, computers and even energy-saving fluorescent light bulbs ó emits radio signals that can interfere with AM broadcasts.

The economic boom of the 1980s and 1990s also contributed to the problem with an increase in the construction of tall buildings in suburban areas and beyond, blocking AM signals. Another issue is that the F.C.C. requires most stations to turn off or greatly reduce signals at night, a rule aimed at keeping high-powered AM stations from interfering with smaller local ones.

(The rule, which hardly engenders loyalty among listeners, was adopted because of the way radio waves in the AM frequency travel. Once the sun goes down, AM signals bounce off the ionosphere and reflect back down to earth hundreds of miles from where they originated. That is why listeners of WRDN-AM (1430) in Durand, Wis., for example, on some nights discover they are inadvertently tuned in to a broadcast from St. Louis.)

Mr. Pai said that unless the problems with AM radio were fixed, people would keep fleeing. iThere are plenty of other options,i he said. iThey will switch the dial to something else.i

A version of this article appears in print on September 9, 2013, on page A1 of the New York edition with the headline: A Quest to Save AM Before Itís Lost in the Static (also via David Cole, DXLD)

[Many comments to be in next DXLD]

#### SUB-AUDIBLE HETERODYNES

By the way, what is an SAH?? (Andrew Brade, England, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

...and SAH, sorry...subaudible heterodyne, you hear a slow oscillation in amplitude of the beat note when you tune off channel in sideband mode, which corresponds to the difference in frequency between the two

signals on the channel (Nick Hall-Patch, BC, *ibid.*)

?? No off-tuning needed. Yes, SAH! That's what it means.

Really they *are* audible, not by pitch but by fading rates between two non-zero-beat carriers, as I often report them, not visually but by timing the number of fades per minute, divided by 60, and you've got the Hz separation. When they get too fast to count, there is a range where you can watch the seconds ticking by and estimate how many fades per second. 73, (Glenn Hauser, OK, *ibid.*)

That's interesting. I had to think about how the fading rate frequency equates to the carrier separation. It must be to do with superposition of the carrier frequencies resulting in successive enhancements and cancellation effects. I'd never thought of this but I suppose it's quite obvious (Andrew Brade, *ibid.*)

#### PROPAGATION

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Solar activity forecast for the period September 6 - 12, 2013

Activity level: mostly very low to low

X-ray background flux (1.0-8.0 A): in the range B1.5-B7.0

Radio flux (10.7 cm): a fluctuation in the range 100-130 f.u.

Events: class C (0-10/day), class M (0-3/period), class X (0/period),  
proton (0/period)

Relative sunspot number (Ri): in the range 35-95

Astronomical Institute, Solar Dept., Ondrejov, Czech Republic

e-mail: sunwatch(at)asu.cas.cz

(RWC Prague)

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Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period Sep 6 - Oct 2, 2013

Geomagnetic field will be:

quiet on September 13, 15 - 16, 24 - 25, 30, October 2,

mostly quiet on September 6 - 7, 14, 22, 26, 29,

quiet to unsettled on September 8, 10, 19, 20 - 21,

quiet to active on September 9, 11, 17, 23, 28, October 1,

active to disturbed on September 12, 18, 27,

Growing in solar wind may cause remarkable changes in magnetosphere and ionosphere on September 12 - 13, 17 - 20.

Remarks:

- Parenthesis means lower probability of activity enhancement.

- If during next 9 months solar activity will not reach a similar or higher level as in November 2011, then 2012 will remain to be the maximum of 24 cycle (R = 70) - and vice versa.

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(OK1HH & OK1MGW, weekly forecasts since 1978)  
e-mail: ok1hh(at)rsys.cz (via Dario Monferini, DXLD)

#### PLANETARY POSITIONS NOT CORRELATED WITH SOLAR ACTIVITY

Thanks so much to Scott Bidstrup, TI3/W7RI in Costa Rica who sent a link to a fascinating article in Phys.Org News and Astronomy and Astrophysics about yet another failure to replicate earlier studies claiming a correlation between planetary positions and solar activity. In this case, the authors found several serious statistical errors in the earlier analysis. Read the article and abstract at,  
<http://phys.org/news/2013-09-evidence-planetary-solar.html> and  
[http://www.aanda.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=966&Itemid=277](http://www.aanda.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=966&Itemid=277)

Note that for a limited time, the full text of the paper is available for free by clicking on the "Register Now" button on that last page. (QST de W1AW, Propagation Forecast Bulletin 36 ARLP036, From Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, WA September 6, 2013, To all radio amateurs, via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts  
:Issued: 2013 Sep 09 0225 UTC  
# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center  
# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web  
# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html>  
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# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts  
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 02 - 08 September 2013

Solar activity was at very low to low levels. Very low levels were observed on 02 September. Activity increased to low levels on 03 September with a single C1/Sf flare at 03/1747 UTC from Region 1834 (N12, L=021, class/area Dai/090 on 02 September). 04 September saw 8 C-class events, the largest a C3/Sf at 04/0431 UTC from Region 1837 (S16, L=352, class/area Dsi/130 on 05 September). A pair of C-class flares were observed on 05 September, the largest a C1/Sf at 05/1955 UTC from Region 1836 (N11, L=339 class/area Cao/180 on 30 August). Low levels continued on 06 September with a C1 x-ray event from an unnumbered region beyond the NE limb. The period closed out on 07 -

08 September with very low levels. No Earth-directed coronal mass ejections (CMEs) were observed during the summary period.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at moderate to high levels through the summary period.

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet to unsettled levels. 02 - 03 September observed quiet to unsettled levels due to residual coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) effects combined with weak effects from the 30 August CME. The remainder of the period saw quiet levels with an isolated unsettled period early on 08 September. Solar wind began the period on 02 September at about 525 km/s, declined in speed to near 350 km/s by early on 03 September and varied between 350 km/s to 500 km/s through the remainder of the period.

Interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) Bt varied between 3 to 9 nT while the Bz component of the IMF did not vary much beyond +7/-5 nT. Phi angle was in a predominately negative (towards) orientation for a majority of the period with positive (away) orientation on 02 September and again on 08 September.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 09 SEPT - 05 OCT 2013

Solar activity is expected to be very low to low levels.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be moderate to high levels on 12 - 16 September, 19 - 23 September and 29 September - 05 October due to activity associated with CH HSSs. Normal to moderate levels are expected for the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels on 09 - 13 September with isolated active periods on 09 and 12 September due to CH HSS effects. Mostly quiet conditions are expected on 14 - 16 September. Quiet to active conditions are expected from 17 - 20 September, quiet to unsettled conditions from 23 - 24 September and quiet to active conditions on 26 - 29 September due to CH HSS effects. Mostly quiet conditions are expected for the remaining periods.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27D0.txt

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# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2013-09-09

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| # | UTC         | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|---|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| # | Date        | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
|   | 2013 Sep 09 | 105        | 10        | 4        |
|   | 2013 Sep 10 | 110        | 10        | 3        |
|   | 2013 Sep 11 | 110        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2013 Sep 12 | 110        | 18        | 4        |
|   | 2013 Sep 13 | 110        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2013 Sep 14 | 110        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2013 Sep 15 | 110        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Sep 16 | 105        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Sep 17 | 100        | 15        | 4        |
|   | 2013 Sep 18 | 105        | 15        | 4        |
|   | 2013 Sep 19 | 110        | 15        | 4        |
|   | 2013 Sep 20 | 115        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2013 Sep 21 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Sep 22 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Sep 23 | 115        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Sep 24 | 115        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Sep 25 | 115        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Sep 26 | 115        | 10        | 3        |
|   | 2013 Sep 27 | 115        | 15        | 4        |
|   | 2013 Sep 28 | 115        | 10        | 3        |
|   | 2013 Sep 29 | 115        | 10        | 3        |
|   | 2013 Sep 30 | 115        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Oct 01 | 110        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Oct 02 | 105        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Oct 03 | 100        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Oct 04 | 95         | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2013 Oct 05 | 95         | 5         | 2        |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1686, DXLD) ###